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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to another edition of *UNCW Magazine*. Our university continues to receive national recognition for the excellent educational value we provide students. Earlier this year we learned that *Kiplinger's* magazine had ranked us 32nd out of 100 top universities in the country for combining academic quality with affordable costs. This recognition reaffirms that our faculty and staff are providing students with an outstanding educational experience. For legislators, donors and parents, it demonstrates that we are extraordinary stewards of our limited public and private resources and that we continue to work magic on this campus.

Related to this good news is a report from the North Carolina state auditor that UNCW has successfully achieved its 18th clean audit report - a phenomenal and unique record among North Carolina's public universities.

Some of our most exciting news these past few months has come from our amazing student athletes, both on and off the playing fields. We won conference championships this year in men's and women's swimming and diving, marking the first time in the university's history for both programs to win championships in the same year. The men's basketball team also won the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) conference championship this year. The basketball team's success afforded us an opportunity to receive great national media exposure with an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Although they lost an overtime thriller in the opening round, they made the academic Final Four according to InsideHigherEd.com. I'm delighted that the Seahawks' graduation rate – 86 percent – defeated George Washington, Duke, Syracuse and NC State before meeting eventual national champion Bucknell.

Thanks to the efforts of two outstanding student athletes, UNCW became the first CAA university since 1998 to lay claim to both the men's and women's prestigious Dean Ehlers Leadership Award. Men's basketball senior John Goldsberry and women's basketball junior Michaela Vezenkova were recognized for their outstanding leadership skills both on and off the court. These two students exemplify the kind of student athletes we have in all of our athletic programs.

The accolades in athletics were not limited to our students. Men's head basketball coach Brad Brownell was selected CAA conference Coach of the Year, and Dave Allen was named the CAA's conference Men's and Women's Swimming Coach of the Year with assistant coach Marc Ellington receiving CAA Diving Coach of the Year. I'm extremely proud of all these individual recognitions for our coaches and student athletes.

Since our last magazine, we received a new leader for the University of North Carolina with the selection of President Erskine Bowles. He visited UNCW in November and met with trustees, faculty, students and administrators and left highly impressed. He promised to be the "champion" for public higher education and said his number one job will be to convince the legislature to continue to invest in education so North Carolinians can compete in the knowledge-based global economy. I have no doubt that UNCW will benefit from his wisdom and support as we continue our efforts towards greatness.

Construction remains a key component of life at UNCW. Several major buildings on campus will be completed soon and will add to the beauty and vitality of this wonderful campus. The Seahawk Village Apartments will celebrate its grand opening in August and provide additional housing for 524 students. A new and expanded University Union Student Center will open this summer in the center of campus and provide for expanded space for student life and our bookstore. A cultural arts building will open this fall next to the Watson School of Education and will provide much needed performance and rehearsal space for faculty and students in music, theatre and the arts. Later this year, a state-of-the-art Computer Information Systems building will open near chancellor's walk.

In addition to these new buildings, an approved campus master plan (see page 16) will provide us a roadmap for future development. I'm especially pleased that the plan addresses traffic and pedestrian circulation, and includes widespread use of greenspace throughout the campus as well as conserving approximately 23 percent of the campus in woodlands and wetlands.

I continue to hear many positive comments about the improvements to *UNCW Magazine*. As always, I encourage your calls, letters, e-mails and visits and appreciate your support for this great university.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor

On the cover:
The UNCW Seahawk men's basketball team posed for photos following its victory over Hofstra University March 6 in Richmond Coliseum. By capturing the 2006 CAA Championship, the Seahawks won an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Please see story on page 15.

Inside cover:
Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo welcomed Erskine Bowles to the UNCW campus earlier this year. In January, Bowles succeeded Molly Corbett Broad as president of the UNC system.

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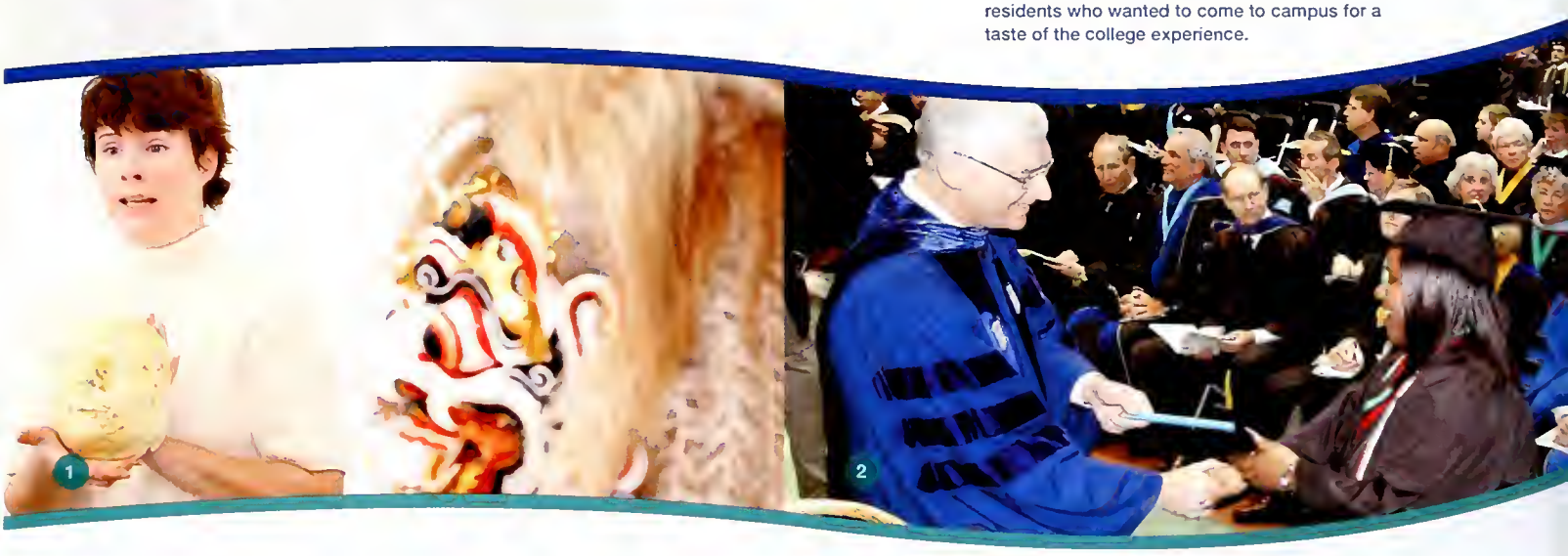
UNCW rated a top "best value"

Among public universities in North Carolina, UNCW is one of the top three "Best Values," according to 2006 rankings in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. The publication said schools in the top 100 "are noteworthy for their combination of top-flight academics and affordable costs."

For in-state students, UNCW is third behind UNC Chapel Hill and NC State University. It is ranked 32nd nationally. For out-of-state students, UNCW is third behind UNC Chapel Hill and Appalachian State University. It is ranked 48th nationally.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo was pleased to see UNCW's improved ranking. "This ranking reflects the way that the faculty really care about the students here, the challenges that we set for them, and how we help those students meet those challenges. You just get a great education at UNCW," said DePaolo.

1. Holding her own face mask, Melanie Mortimore, assistant professor in the theatre program, talks about the art of mask making for participants of College Day held in November. The College of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with the UNCW Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies, hosted the event for regional residents who wanted to come to campus for a taste of the college experience.



Collaborative effort to aims to strengthen non-profits

UNCW is partnering with citizen groups and community organizations to strengthen non-profit organizations in Southeastern North Carolina.

Quality Enhancement for Nonprofit Organizations (QENO) is a regional partnership that includes the Cape Fear Area United Way, the Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina, the City of Wilmington, Southeastern Alliance for Community Change, the N.C. Discovery Alliance, UNCW and other funders and citizen groups.

This three-year initiative is designed to improve the capabilities and competencies of nonprofit organizations and donor confidence in Southeastern North Carolina. There is currently no mechanism in the southeastern counties that provides an effective resource for communication, technical assistance, training or organizational development for nonprofits. This initiative, utilizing the resources local funders, community groups and the university, will develop such a capacity.

"This partnership is the embodiment of applying the intellectual capital of this university to meeting regional needs, and doing this in a way that is consistent with our mission of teaching, research and service." Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

2. Graduates are greeted by Provost Paul Hosier during the 70th commencement exercises held Dec. 10 at Trask Coliseum. The fall commencement had 1,017 undergraduate and 195 graduate students who received degrees.
3. As keynote speaker for UNCW's 23rd annual UNCW Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, Myrlie Evers-Williams said, "It takes a continuous effort to make a dream a reality." She credited her success to "not settling for being the best, but for working hard to be beyond the best," a message instilled in her by her late husband and civil rights leader, Medgar Evers. Evers-Williams continued in the civil rights movement after her husband's murder and in 1995 became the first woman to lead the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
4. Participants in the 2005 College Day event check over their schedules.
5. Angelnora Chestnut (left) and Jessica Stevens turn their tassels following commencement exercises.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

Tuition/fees increase for 2006-07

UNC Wilmington's Board of Trustees recommended a 12.6 increase in tuition and fees for students in the 2006-07 school year to help the university remain competitive and to continue to offer the highest quality academic experience. The increase was approved by the Board of Governors at its February meeting.

The funds also will be used to reduce the student-faculty ratio to 16:1, address classroom equipment and technology needs, implement data protection during disasters and offer financial packages to graduate students.

Responding to the chancellor's comment that "the last thing we want to do is burden our students," the trustees included provisions that students eligible for financial aid receive additional support to cover the increase.

In addition to the $293 tuition increase, student fees will rise by $172, room and board by $292 and parking by $46.

For in-state students tuition and fees for 2006-97 will be $3,694.75; non-resident students will pay $13,629.75.

Aquarius named top 100 info project

InfoWorld Magazine named UNCW's *Aquarius* undersea research laboratory one of the top 100 informational projects of the year. *Aquarius*, the world's only undersea research laboratory, is owned by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and administered by UNCW's NOAA Undersea Research Center.

Orthogon Systems, a wireless connectivity company, bestows the annual awards to projects it feels uses cutting-edge technologies to further business goals. The company chose *Aquarius* because of the laboratory's use of Orthogon's wireless technology to broadcast data, including video and voice transmissions, from the ocean floor. Using a transmitter placed in a buoy above the undersea lab, researchers send their findings more than 10 miles away to an office in Key Largo, Fla.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo announced UNCW's receipt of a $1.3 million marine biotechnology grant at a ceremony marking the opening of a N.C. Biotechnology Center office in Wilmington.

Biotech center built on partnerships

UNCW is partnering with local governments to bring a new biotechnology center to the region. The N.C. Biotechnology Center will provide a boost for Southeastern North Carolina's efforts to tap into a field some have called the "technology of the future."

The center will focus on enhancing research, identifying needs of area businesses and institutions and bringing new biotechnology jobs to the region. The state chose Wilmington as the location for the center because of its proximity to the ocean and UNCW's existing research programs. The City of Wilmington, New Hanover County and UNCW will each contribute $66,000 to the center over the next two years. The office will employ a director and an assistant.

At the Oct. 10 dedication of the center, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo announced that UNCW received a $1.3 million grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to further research in the UNCW Center for Marine Science Marine Biotechnology Program. The funds will be used to develop new chemical structures from cultured marine microalgae.

The N.C. General Assembly established the Research Triangle Park-based state biotechnology center in 1981. Along with the Wilmington office, the state opened a satellite office in Greenville. It also maintains satellites in Winston-Salem and the Asheville area.

Freshman Hayley Richardson (left) prepares to give her attacker Chris Faggett a groin kick during her final exam for the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) safety training.

Photo by Jamie Manchel

CARE

Collaboration for Assault Response and Education

CARE center responds to domestic violence

In the wake of two tragic deaths of UNC Wilmington students in 2004, the campus has initiated a series of programs to better protect and educate students, faculty and staff about violent behaviors, sexual assault, relationship abuse and harassment. The Collaboration for Assault Response and Education (CARE) resource center will serve as the focal point for these campus safety initiatives.

The CARE center, located in Westside Hall, will assist students who have been victims of abuse or assault by providing supportive services such as crisis response, consultation and individual advocacy. Partnering with the University Police, the Office of the Dean of Students, Counseling Center, Health Services, the Women's Resource Center and Housing and Residential Life, the CARE center is actively working to raise violence awareness and create a safe, educated campus environment.

Rebecca Caldwell, former director of the award-winning CROSSROADS program for substance abuse education and prevention program, is director of CARE.

Student-managed fund creates real-life learning opportunity

Students interested in learning the ins and outs of the investment world now have the ability to not only study the markets, but to directly participate in them through UNCW's new student investment fund.

Students at the Cameron School of Business (CSB) will manage the fund, comprised of donated stocks and other investments. Learning opportunities will expand in spring of 2007, when the CSB and the College of Arts and Sciences open a financial markets room that will allow students to track and manipulate the investments in real time, both in reality and through computer simulations.

Business professors hope the new resource will enhance job opportunities for involved students, by giving them first-hand experience in managing the fund.

The fund got its start in November when Provost Paul Hosier and Liz Hosier, director of application services at UNCW, presented stock certificates to initiate the fund. The school is encouraging alumni and other members of the community to donate their odd-lot stocks and other investment vehicles to the fund. Donors may receive a tax break for the full, appreciated value of the securities.

For more information, please contact Department of Economics and Finance Chair William Sackley at 910.962.3720 or via e-mail at sackleyw@uncw.edu. Donations should be made to the UNCW Foundation, earmarked for the Student Managed Investment Fund and mailed to Advancement Services, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28405-5990.

uncw summer camps

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

UNCW offers a broad range of youth summer camps for a variety of ages and interests – math, marine science, creative writing, music, theatre, business, and athletics, such as baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, swimming and volleyball. One of the new offerings this year is a robotics camp for middle school students. Left, students in the 2005 Junior Seahawk Camp try to solve the mysterious disappearance of a dog using forensic testing on evidence left at the "crime scene." Joann Colling (middle), a volunteer with the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher, holds a starfish before a group of children participating in Sea Squirts. High school students (right) performed in the winds and percussion workshops offered by the UNCW Department of Music. More information on all UNCW summer camps can be obtained at **www.uncw.edu/summercamps**.

MarineQuest influences lives for 25 years

A summer job as an instructor for MarineQuest's Coast Trek program was pivotal for Jay Rogers '94, '97M.

"It helped form the idea of what I wanted to do down the road," he said. "Teaching was the avenue I wanted to go."

Now he's the chairman of the marine technology program at Cape Fear Community College.

MarineQuest, UNCW's marine and environmental outreach program, has been influencing the lives of people, young and old, (nearly 60,000 in all) for over 25 years.

"I hear from different people who have been in the program, that it did influence them in a positive way, to achieve their dreams. They're making a difference, a positive contribution to people and the environment, to humanity," founder Diane Talley said.

"MarineQuest is an excellent example of how UNCW's commitment to outreach creates an educational environment that actively prepares students as global citizens utilizing research and service," said Stephen Demski, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies.

It all started in 1980 when Talley developed the Adult Scholars program. Over the years, UNCW added more than a dozen programs serving everyone from kindergarteners to adults. MarineQuest reaches students across the life span by offering intellectually stimulating programs designed to inform, empower and enrich the quality of life in Southeastern North Carolina.

"If learning about a subject is fascinating, engaging and interactive, children as well as adults become completely absorbed. The outcome is pure fun! I've been teaching for MarineQuest for the past five years and found that it provides just the right mix of outdoor, hands-on experiences with indoor activities and presentations. I've met a lot of excited students coming out of this program. That motivates me to want to continue to translate my passion into outreach education," said Bill Cooper, UNCW chemistry professor.

Nine-year-old Hanna Johnson is pictured with Tom Potts, associate director for the National Undersea Research Center at UNCW, with the underwater hamster habitat she created for her elementary school science fair project. Her inspiration came from the *Aquarius* exhibit she saw at UNCW Center for Marine Science while attending Sea Camp, part of MarineQuest, two years ago. Hanna is a student at Parsley Elementary School in Wilmington.

Talley said the program wouldn't have been so successful without the support of UNCW faculty like Cooper.

"They have been so giving, supportive and genuinely concerned," she said. Although it was based originally on campus, the program moved to the Center for Marine Science at Myrtle Grove in 2000. "Being here is the reason I've been able to grow the program. With the location on the intracoastal waterway and the people here, the sky's the limit," Talley said.

In addition to UNCW's many resources, Talley works closely with others in the community including the N.C. Aquarium, Cape Fear Museum, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries and Cape Fear Community College.

Just as summer camps get underway this year, MarineQuest will be involved in World Ocean Week, June 5-10, with a series of lectures and events open to the public. Programs include: "Oil: Where's It Going / Where's It Coming From?" with Fritz Kapraun, professor of biology and marine biology; "Memoirs of a Marine Biologist" with Anne McCrary, former UNCW professor; "Sea Doctors: Latest Research at CMS" with CMS director Dan Baden; "Sea Beans: Around the World in Many Ways" with Terri Hathaway, SeaGrant specialist; wine and dinner with Andy Wood, Audubon Society education director; trips to Masonboro and Bald Head islands and more.

For complete information on MarineQuest's 2006 summer programs, scholarships, internships, employment and volunteer opportunities, visit **www.uncw.edu/marinequest** or call 910.962.2461.

research

Research to promote the culture, not capture, of ornamental fish has resulted in a friendlier, more colorful clownfish. Biology professor Ileana Clavijo, who has been studying anemonefishes for the past six years, has found the food additive cyclop-eeze brightens the fish's orange coloration, and Clavijo said, "It's starting to look like the fish that got this are friendlier." Normally, the more colorful fish are more aggressive, she noted. Popularity of clownfish jumped with the release of Disney's *Finding Nemo*, and Clavijo regularly supplies hobbiests with the fish through local retailers. Her research, which involves about six graduate and undergraduate students, is also studying pattern variations. "What we're doing is trying to develop a prettier Nemo," she said.

In November, UNCW's Slocum-class underwater glider spent nine days traversing the waters of the Atlantic Ocean off Wrightsville Beach, transmitting data, via satellite, to the university. Wendy Woods with the Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program (right) used the glider to study the environmental health of the ocean tracking a variety of measures including the near-microscopic food chain, salinity, temperature and photo plankton production. "AUVs (autonomous underwater vehicle) are cutting edge technology with an important role in the future of underwater data collection," said Lance Horn, operations manager for the NOAA Undersea Research Center.

Photos by Jamie Monteleone

Undersea explorers map coral to save it

UNCW researchers aboard the NASA support ship *Liberty Star* spent nine days in October using high tech methods to examine a coral bed older than modern civilization. Using sonar, a remote-controlled submarine and the 170-foot vessel, Andrew Shepard, director of the NOAA Undersea Research Center at UNCW, and a team of researchers explored the Oculina coral reef bed, located off the coast of Florida near Cape Canaveral.

Adding a half inch a year, the fragile coral at Oculina can grow to heights of 60 to 100 feet. Coral systems in the region date back thousands of years, and the larger coral have lifespans of 100 to 200 years. Because of its slow lifecycle, coral can takes decades or centuries to recover from damage. In 1984, the government limited fishing on the reef in order to limit ecological damage.

Through comparisons over time, scientists will be able to assess progress in the Oculina reef for restoring coral cover and replenishing fish stocks. Expedition dispatches can viewed at **www.at-sea.org**.

Researcher studies waterway's impact on economy

Thousands of boaters, fishermen and watercraft enthusiasts use the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway every year. While residents and state officials know this brings business and wealth to the region, no one knows exactly what that means to the state's economy, especially as federal budget cuts have reduced routine maintenance of the channel, possibly limiting access.

In the first phase of his research, associate economics professor Chris Dumas surveyed recreational boaters' spending habits and responses to changes in the waterway. He found that in Brunswick County alone, they bring in $1,151 per trip and spend an average of $479 on fuel, food, lodging and other supplies per vessel. Respondents also indicated that if the ICW became shallower, they would become reluctant to use it.

Dumas, along with fellow researchers Edward Graham, Jim Herstine and William Hall, hope to determine the impact of the waterway on commercial boaters as well as on local property values and marine-related businesses.

Psychology professors create scale to measure racial bias

UNCW professors James Johnson and Len Lecci have conducted the first empirically measured study of how anti-white bias among blacks influences racial perceptions and interactions. The psychology professors' findings were published in the February edition of *Personality and Individual Differences*.

Their research compared the perceptions of two sample groups, graduates of predominately black universities and members of the general black community, using a scale that measured their responses to ambiguously racist scenarios, their stated willingness to confront racists and whether they would engage in blatant anti-white discrimination. The researchers found that those who attended a university tended to have higher instances of anti-white bias.

Johnson has previously studied the relationship between anti-white bias and African-Americans' response to health care. The pair intends to continue the research to determine how these anti-white biases affect the mental and physical well-being of those who hold them. They also are seeking funding to study the effects of anti-white bias on the relationship between the government and the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

faculty

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A radio segment featuring UNCW research associate **William McLellan** received a 2005 Science Journalism Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). "Dolphin Necropsies" aired on National Public Radio. McLellan is coordinator of the N.C. Marine Mammal Stranding Network and has been working with stranded marine mammals for more than 20 years.

Douglas Gamble, assistant professor of earth sciences, received the 2005 Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award from the National Council for Geographic Education.

Clyde Edgerton, professor of creative writing, had his first non-fiction book, *Solo: My Adventures in the Air*, published in September. Thirty years after serving as a fighter pilot in Vietnam, Edgerton looks back at his youthful passion for flying, at the joy he took in mastering it, at the exhilaration – and lingering anguish – of combat flight. He is the author of eight novels, five of which have been *New York Times* Notables.

Stephen Meinhold in political science had his book *Battle Supreme: The Confirmation of Chief Justice John Roberts and the Future of the Supreme Court* published by Wadsworth Publishers. The book is co-authored with David Neubauer of the University of New Orleans.

Ed Wagenseller '92, lecturer in the theatre program, landed a role as a resident doctor in the next Will Ferrell big-budget comedy. The movie is unnamed as of now, but is referred to as the *Untitled Will Ferrell NASCAR Comedy*, filmed in Charlotte.

"It's a tiny role," Wagenseller said. "It might not even make the final cut once all the editing is done." He has been auditioning for movie roles for the last 15 years, but had no luck until 2005, when he booked three, which are all planned to debut this summer. His other roles are in *Home of the Giants*, starring Haley Joel Osment, and *Dirt Nap*, starring John C. McGinley. Wagenseller's first on-screen appearance was as an extra in *Weekend at Bernie's*, and his first movie audition was for *Sleeping with the Enemy*. Wagenseller has played principal roles on two Wilmington-based television shows, *One Tree Hill* and *Surface*.

1. Clyde Edgerton
2. Douglas Gamble
3. Associate professor William McLellan along with graduate students Brian Palmer (left) and Pam Cotten (second from right) and professor Ann Pabst (right) begin a necropsy on a manatee. The manatee was found swimming in the intracoastal waterway near Wilmington. Attempts to rescue the manatee and return it to warmer waters in Florida failed. The necropsy was done to determine the manatee's exact cause of death.
4. In *Home of the Giants*, Ed Wagenseller, center, plays Mr. Dansforth, a high school journalism teacher. He is pictured with Haley Joel Osment and Danielle Pannabaker. The movie will be released this summer.
5. Men's basketball coach Brad Brownell received the Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year Award from CAA Commissioner Thomas Yeager at the CAA men's basketball awards in Richmond. He was also named Mid-Major Coach of the Year by FoxSports.com and CAA Coach of the Year by CollegeInsider.com. Brownell's four-year coaching ledger stands at 83-89, the most wins and highest winning percentage (.680) recorded by a coach in his first four seasons with a program. In March Brownell resigned to take the head coaching job at Wright State University.

Booth

Gibson

Lewis

Mayew

Four athletes inducted into Hall of Fame

An unhittable pitcher in the early '70s, a coaching pioneer in men's basketball, a dominant women's swimmer and one of the top student-athletes in the program's history are the 2006 inductees in the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame. Eddie Booth (baseball), Amy Lewis (women's swimming and diving) and Bill Mayew (men's basketball) were joined by former men's basketball coach Mel Gibson.

"These four outstanding individuals have made tremendous contributions to the success of our program through the years, and this is a fitting tribute to their many hours of dedication and hard work," said Mike Capaccio, UNCW director of athletics.

A native of Danville, Va., Booth put his stamp on UNCW's baseball program with his trademark curve ball during a standout career in the early '70s. Booth compiled a sterling 27-5 mark from 1969-72 and was a workhorse on the mound for Coach Bill Brooks as the Seahawks built a 109-33-1 record. He recorded the second lowest earned run average (1.31) in the school's history and also ranks second in career strikeouts with 311. Booth was named to the NAIA All-District 29 team for four consecutive years and was voted NAIA District 29 Player of the Year in 1971. He is currently a reliability operator in the maintenance division for General Electric in Wilmington.

Lewis set seven school records during an outstanding career with Coach Dave Allen's swimming program from 1990-93. She won the Eastern Championship in the 200 Freestyle in 1990 and captured UNCW's Outstanding Swimmer Award four straight years. She also set six freshman records in her first season with the Seahawks in 1990. The tireless swimmer also excelled after she completed her bachelor's degree in education in 1993. She was honored with the Sallie Mae Teacher of the Year Award from the Mecklenburg County School System in 1995 and was a Harris Teacher of the Year nominee the following year. Lewis has left teaching to remain at home with her three young children.

Mayew established a legacy of athletic and academic success as a member of the men's basketball team from 1994 to 1997. The Kenosha, Wisc., native began his career as a reserve for Coach Jerry Wainwright's club and developed into one of the Colonial Athletic Association's top performers by his senior year. In 1996-97, Mayew served as a co-captain on the first UNCW team to win the regular season championship in the CAA. He was named First Team All-CAA and to the league's All-Defensive unit. In addition, Mayew was selected as the team's Most Valuable Player and collected the Thomas V. Moseley Award as the school's top student-athlete. A four-time CAA Scholar-Athlete, he was UNCW's first and only recipient of an NCAA post-graduate scholarship, won the CAA's prestigious Dean Ehler's Leadership Award and captured UNCW's Chancellor's Cup for Academic Excellence in 1997. Mayew's No. 35 jersey was retired in 1997, and he represented UNCW at the inaugural CAA Legends program at the CAA Men's Basketball Championship. Mayew recently completed his Ph.D. in accountancy at the University of Texas.

Gibson ushered UNCW's hoops program into NCAA Division I play and amassed a 194-180 record over 14 seasons from 1973-86. As a player, he led Western Carolina to the NAIA national championship game in 1963, was named an NAIA All-American and helped Team USA win a gold medal at the 1963 Pan American Games in São Paulo, Brazil. He was the No. 2 draft choice of the Los Angeles Lakers in 1963 and played one season of professional basketball before turning his attention to coaching at Baptist College in Charleston, S.C. He came to UNCW as an assistant coach in 1972 and then took over the head chair in 1973. During his tenure, the Seahawks built a solid foundation for their success on the NCAA Division I level. His first four D-I teams carved out a solid 73-35 record, with the 1978, 1979 and 1980 clubs racking up 19 victories apiece. No other squad reached that number until the 1997-98 unit went 20-11.

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Just days after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in August, UNC Wilmington students started appearing in Donna Chapa Crowe's office to ask when they could go down and help.

by William Davis '06M

Donna Chapa Crowe, director of the Center for Leadership Education and Service, had put together service trips for students before but never without months of preparation. She made contact with an effort to replant trees in a city park and talked to the Red Cross. However, she realized that planning the complete itinerary would have to wait until she and four staff and student volunteers actually arrived in the city. They held off until winter break and left for New Orleans Dec. 26, hoping that they would connect with relief agencies within the disaster zone.

"It was sort of a leap of faith," said Crowe.

The group spent four days in the city. The first day, they took part in the tree planting effort. Working alongside community members, the students got their first taste of the destruction that remained four months after the storm made landfall. "What used to be a thicket was now barren," said student Amber Wilson.

On their second day, they wandered through the tent city that still housed refugees from the storm. They came across a Christian Coalition group passing out meals, clothing and medical supplies and assisted them in their efforts. While the aid effort seemed disjointed to the students, the citizens remained positive and committed to rebuilding the city.

"It's depressing to see how politics can get in the way sometimes," said Wilson. "Our nation can go aid another country in a flash. However, when it came to our own citizens we had to first decide what branch of government should take care of the situation."

On their third day in the city, the team members split up to ride with the American Red Cross's emergency response vehicles. Between the five of them, the volunteers distributed around 15,000 hot meals. Student volunteer Meredith Wooten said that the time with the Red Cross was the most rewarding of the trip. Riding around the city, she said, allowed the group to help victims first-hand and see the extent of the damage.

"It looked like it just happened yesterday," she said. "I feel like things should be moving faster for people in New Orleans who are still living in tents."

Their final day saw a tour of the city, including coffee and beignets in the French Quarter and a driving survey of the breached levees and canals that contributed to the flooding.

"Words can't depict the devastation we saw," Wooten said.

Along with grants from the school, students funded the trip themselves, contributing $300 of their own money, said Crowe. They carried their own food and bottled water and went shopping in an effort to add money to the local economy, she said.

"We weren't adding to the stresses of the community," said Crowe.

Even under the severe time constraints, Crowe said, the center made sure to direct students toward activities related to their majors and interests. For example, one student who wants to attend medical school toured an emergency medical clinic.

"We try to apply the experience to their direct learning with what is happening in the classroom," said Crowe.

The campus made other contributions for relief. UNCW hosted seven New Orleans undergraduates whose campuses were devastated by the disaster. In the immediate aftermath, Crowe said, students raised $3,000 for relief, through bake sales, a Mardi Gras party and other fund-raisers.

"This was just one of the many activities students took on in response to the hurricane," said Crowe.

Caroline Cropp '99, '06M, editor of @UNCW, and Kai Oliver-Kurtin '06 contributed to this story.

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Reaching out to help

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1-2. House damage in the New Orleans residential district

3. Midori Albert (right), associate professor in the Department of Anthropology at UNC Wilmington, assisted in New Orleans with the identification of Hurricane Katrina victims. She also worked with law enforcement at crime scenes where human remains were found.

4. UNCW freshman Amber Wilson and staff member Danette Brown walk past the food and clothing distribution center. Josh Bowman and Meredith Wooten also traveled to New Orleans.

5. Hotel damage in Gulfport, Miss.

6. Amber Wilson, second from left, and Donna Chapa Crowe, right, distributed food to displaced residents.

7. UNCW staff member Danette Brown assisted in the tree planting effort in New Orleans City Park.

8. With water a scarce commodity in New Orleans, showers are available for a fee at the tent city for refugees.

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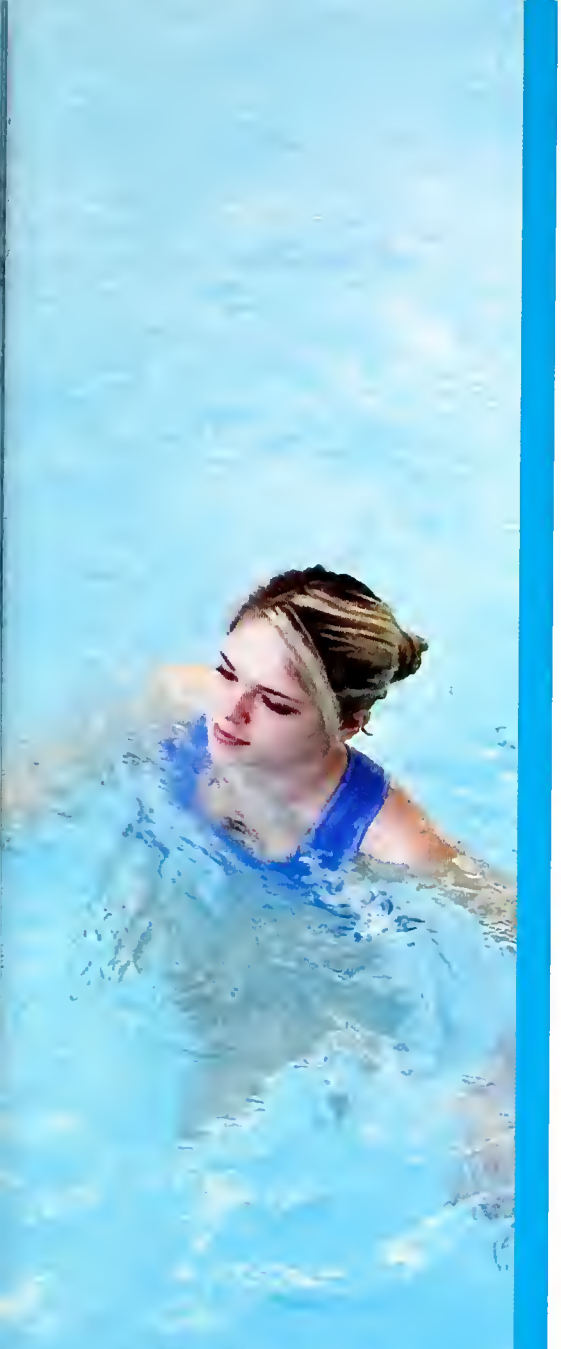
hands-on experience
gives athletic training students opportunity
to practice what they learn

by Dana Fischetti



Above left, Julie Francis, head trainer for women's basketball and men's/women's tennis, tapes up a player's ankle at the George Diab Sports Medicine Center.

Above right, Lindsay Rancke works on the knee of UNCW soccer player Dustin Efird as teammate Juho Karjalainen has his foot tended to by Kate Hill during post-practice training.

Below left, Susan Lewis works on track team member Colton Weaver (left) during an afternoon in the George Diab Sports Medicine Center. In the background, fellow team member Andrew Berryann looks on during his treatment.

Cross country runner Natalie Kilby (above) works out in a state-of-the-art therapy pool at the Almkuist-Nixon Sport Medicine Complex.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

Although the media relate concerns about Americans' sedentary lifestyle and corresponding health threats of obesity and diabetes, many people are even more active than they have been in the past and are continuing to stay involved in athletics to a later age. This group has created a large demand for the services of certified athletic trainers.

"So many people today want to stay healthy and in shape but as they work to do that, they get injured," said Kirk Brown, director of the Athletic Training Education Program at UNCW. "Our population used to be primarily athletes but today we work with all individuals interested in health and fitness. The profession is much more diverse than it used to be and that's what makes it challenging."

Athletic trainers are medical professionals who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries to athletes and others who are engaged in everyday physical activities.

Students have to be prepared to take care of clients who include adolescents, geriatric patients and middle-aged weekend warriors in addition to highly trained college and professional athletes, Brown said.

"We're preparing them for work environments that didn't exist 10 years ago, like sports medicine clinics," he said. "This is my 24th year in the profession and the opportunities that exist today are unbelievable."

Formerly an athletic trainer for the Seattle Seahawks in the NFL, Brown earned his doctorate in curriculum and instruction in order to develop, implement and direct athletic training programs in higher education. He came to UNCW in 2000 to develop an accredited program in athletic training, which was launched in 2002.

Athletic training is recognized by the American Medical Association as an allied healthcare profession, and the medical background required for certification is extensive. Coursework includes human anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, evaluation of athletic injuries, therapeutic rehabilitation and sport and exercise psychology.

In addition, students are required to spend 225 hours per semester, for six semesters, gaining hands-on experience in various clinical settings. Because students enter the program as juniors, the three-year term also requires them to spend an additional year in college. Brown said this extensive preparation pays off for students when they are facing the profession's board exam for certification.

"It is an incredibly challenging exam," he said. "The latest statistics are that 40 percent of the national candidates who sit for the board exam pass it the first time. We want our students to have the knowledge and the preparation from our program that enables them to pass the exam and be ready to work with patients."

Susan Lewis, a second-year student, is doing her clinical work this year under the supervision of Julie Francis, head trainer for the women's basketball team and the men's and women's tennis teams. She works with team members every day who are in various stages of treatment and rehabilitation of injuries, providing therapeutic measures including icing, heating, pool workouts, ultrasound, treatments for pain and swelling and stretching. She also documents each athlete's injury and progress.

"We use what we're learning in class every day," said Lewis. "We spend a lot of time with the athletic trainers and with the patients, and we give a lot of input into their rehab programs. The athletes are competitive, and they want to get back out on the field of play so they have to trust you and be willing to follow your judgment."

Jay O'Leary is rotating through monthly positions with each of UNCW's sports teams to gain broad experience as a first-year student. In addition to caring for injured players, he assists with practices by making sure players are hydrated, the trainer's kit stocked and ready in case of an emergency and being on hand to provide first aid and CPR, if necessary.

"The time we spend in clinicals is great experience," said O'Leary. "I have some friends in other athletic training programs that have similar curriculums, but they don't get as much hands-on practice. The more time you spend practicing, the better you get and the better you'll be when you graduate and are working with patients every day. That's the whole goal of the program."

Another goal is for students to learn and work in the best possible facilities and have access to state-of-the-art equipment. Student trainers work with athletes in the George Diab Sports Medicine Center and the Almkuist-Nixon Sports Medicine Complex, which opened in spring 2005. The Almkuist-Nixon building includes a large classroom for athletic training classes with features such as tables that function as student desks but quickly convert to clinical exam tables for hands-on work.

"Before we opened this building, it was challenging to teach our courses without a classroom that provided a clinical

Almkuist-Nixon Sports Medicine Complex

environment," said Brown. "Now we have a facility that allows us to effectively teach clinical information and give our students the opportunity to practice what they're learning."

Although UNCW's athletic training education program is still very young, it is rapidly gaining recognition and respect, according to Brown.

"The challenge for any brand new program is getting it well established and developing a reputation," he said. "We're starting to get that now. Prospective students are calling me for information now because they've heard that we have a great program."

The program's first 12 students graduated in May 2005 and eight have completed certification. Some graduates are working as athletic trainers, while others are going on to graduate programs in physical therapy and chiropractic.

"It says a lot about this program that our students are so successful after they graduate and move on," said Brown.

Elizabeth Kidd '05, one of UNCW's first athletic training graduates, passed the certification exam on the first try and is now in a doctoral program in physical therapy at East Carolina University.

"I'm doing very well so far in my physical therapy program, and I attribute that to my undergraduate experience," she said. "Because of the knowledge I already have about muscular-skeletal conditions, I don't have to start from scratch in those classes and can concentrate more on subjects that are brand new to me, like neuroscience."

"By having dual degrees in athletic training and physical therapy, I'll be very competitive in the job market, particularly in sports medicine."

Dana Fischetti is the marketing and communications consultant for UNCW's professional schools.

Capstone

course provides on-the-job experience

UNCW's athletic training program needed assistance in tracking student clinical hours. The Marine Biotechnology Program at the Center for Marine Science wanted to develop a way to better manage the research chemicals it produces. And a non-profit agency that serves people with developmental disabilities sought help in automating its donations system.

While each had different needs, they were all met by working with Cameron School of Business students as part of their coursework for MIS 413, Information Systems Design.

As the senior capstone course for information systems majors, MIS 413 gives students the opportunity to use what they have learned in a professional situation. Associate professor Tom Janicki provides mentoring through the process, but the students are responsible for the successful completion of the project.

"The student is responsible for interviewing the client, determining the client's needs and designing and implementing a solution," Janicki said. "I play the role of the student's boss. Each student provides me with regular updates on the progress of his or her project."

Kirk Brown, assistant professor and director of the Athletic Training Education Program, was a class client during the fall 2005 semester. Lisa Lewis, a student in that class who graduated in December 2005, helped Brown build a database and reporting system to track student clinical hours. The program requires each student to complete 225 clinical hours each semester for six semesters, and those hours have to be accurately tracked both for each student's grade and for the program's national accreditation process.

Before Lewis developed the online tracking system, all clinical hours were tracked manually on paper.

"The magnitude of the documentation was astronomical," said Brown. "I needed to be able to more efficiently generate reports and do quality control checks. What we want is a summative evaluation of how students are doing in obtaining their clinical hours, where they're obtaining them and how diverse their experiences are."

It was a daunting challenge for Lewis, a senior with a double major in accounting and information systems, because there was so much data to be incorporated.

"This was the first real client project for me, and it was definitely a learning experience," she said. "The main thing was to figure out exactly what the client wanted and what the database needed to do. Also, I had to learn how to plan and schedule my time. I was a little overly optimistic in the beginning as far as what I could get done within a set amount of time."

Lewis developed a user interface that enables students to enter their clinical hours directly into the database. A reporting tool allows Brown to generate a number of reports to make sure students are progressing in their programs and also to include as part of the accreditation process.

Janicki accepts projects from university-related programs and nonprofit community organizations.

"People find us because they've heard about the work we do," he said. "You can't beat the deal – free technical help for the price of guiding, mentoring and student supervision."

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Information Systems graduate Lisa Lewis '05, left, and Kirk Brown, director of the Athletic Training Education Program, look over a database system that Lewis developed to track and generate reports on clinical hours served by athletic training students. Lewis' twin sister, Susan, is an athletic training major.

Seahawks Win CAA Title, Advance to NCAA's

John Goldsberry flies past George Washington's Omar Williams (left) and Pops Mensah-Bonsu as the Hawks try to keep pace with the Colonials during their NCAA first-round performance in Greensboro.

Photo by Jaime Moncrief

UNCW's men's basketball team capped a stellar 2005-06 season with its fourth Colonial Athletic Association championship and subsequent appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

The Seahawks' 78-67 win over Hofstra University in early March nailed down a berth to the NCAA Tournament and afforded the team an opportunity to bask in the national spotlight.

UNCW dominated the CAA Tournament, sweeping all three games by double figures. After being picked to finish fifth in the preseason, the Seahawks set a regular season record for victories and wound up with a school-record 25 wins against just eight losses.

The Seahawks won their fourth league title in seven years to earn their second trip to the prestigious NCAA Tournament in four seasons. UNCW was awarded a No. 9 seed in the Atlanta Regional, the highest ever by a UNCW squad and the highest by a CAA team since Navy was the eighth seed in 1987.

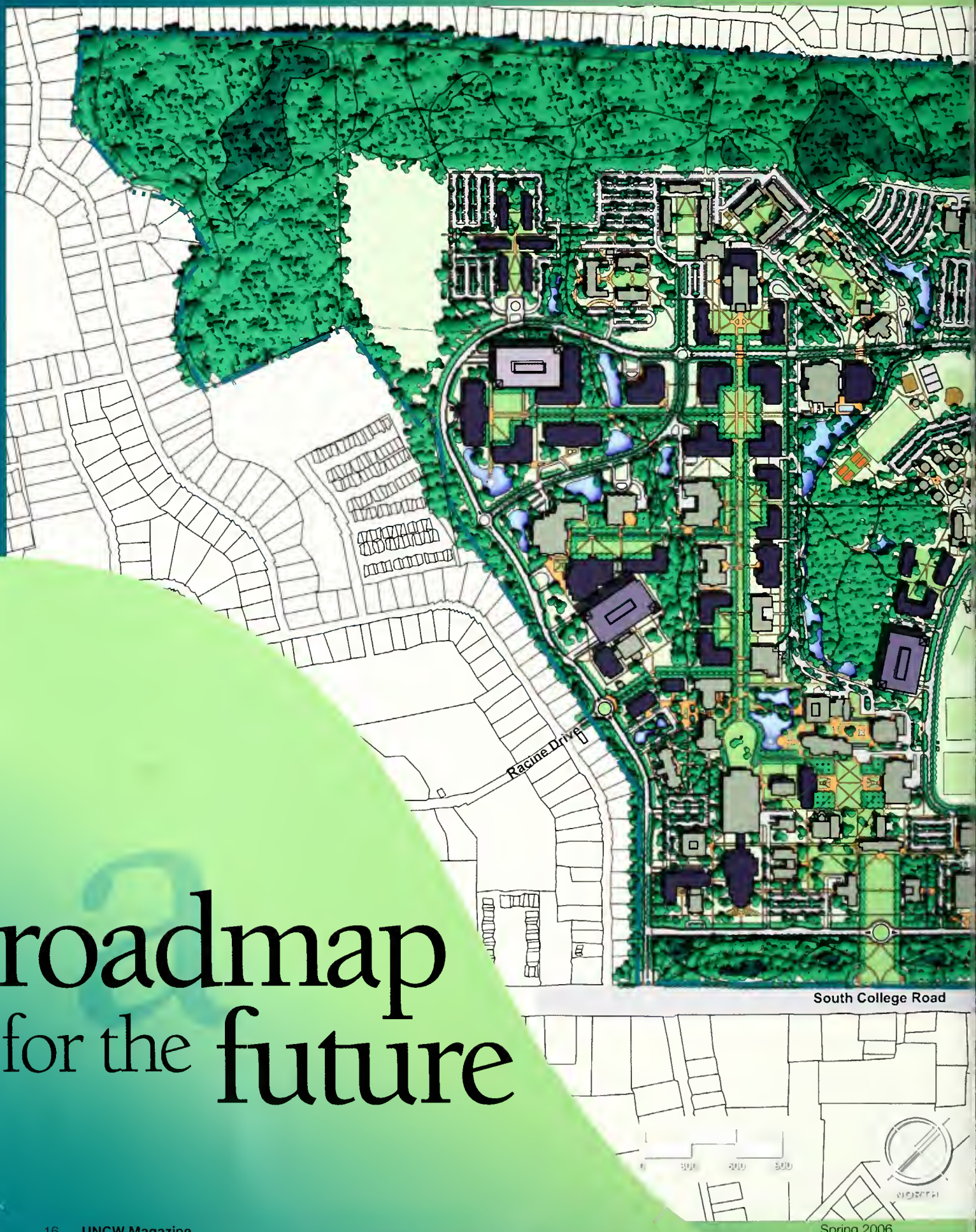
UNCW was matched up against No. 8 seeded George Washington University in a first-round matchup at the Greensboro Coliseum. The Seahawks built an 18-point lead early in the second half before the Colonials forced overtime and won, 88-85.

"It was a fantastic year for our program. Winning three championships (Black Coaches Invitational, CAA regular season and CAA tournament) in one season is certainly special and I think speaks not only to our success this year, but the consistency our program has shown in recent years. This group of seniors was very special. They played a tremendous role in the team's success with their leadership, dedication and work ethic," said Coach Brad Brownell.

Senior point guard John Goldsberry played in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in his UNCW career. He wowed spectators in his first NCAA appearance by burying an NCAA-record eight consecutive three-point attempts en route to 26 points against Maryland's Terrapins.

UNCW's late-season run garnered a plethora of national media exposure for the institution. *USA Today* featured Goldsberry on its front page on March 15, and Goldsberry and junior T.J. Carter were featured in stories by the *Washington Post* and *Washington Times*.

Brownell has led the Seahawks to the CAA title and the NCAA Tournament twice since taking over the program in 2002. His four-year coaching ledger stands at 83-40, the most wins and highest winning percentage (.680) recorded by a coach in his first four seasons with the program.



roadmap for the future

UNCW CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

LEGEND

- EXISTING BUILDINGS
- PROPOSED BUILDINGS
- PROPOSED UNCW PARKING STRUCTURES
- PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP PARKING STRUCTURES
- PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
- SIGNATURE OPEN SPACE
- RECREATION/ATHLETIC FIELDS
- GREEN SPACE
- STREAMS/LAKES/PONDS
- WETLANDS
- ROADS
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Master plan shapes UNCW campus

by Brenda Riegel

Most everyone has wished to gaze into a crystal ball and know what the future holds, but it's not a tactic anyone would recommend for an institution like the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

That's where the master planning process comes in.

The UNCW Campus Master Plan adopted by the board of trustees in January is both a long-term vision for the campus physical environment and a short-term implementation strategy.

An intensive and inclusive year-long planning process drew from the visions and experiences of university faculty, students and staff as well as neighborhood, civic and business leaders. These groups were invited to participate through a series of forums, town hall meetings and presentations.

Student Government Association President Brad Ballou noted that students' voices were heard on issues ranging from new student housing to recreational fields to green space.

And by the time the Faculty Senate finished discussions at their September, November and December meetings, faculty felt an ownership of the plan, according to Mark Spaulding, faculty senate president. Senate recommendations, including an extensive list of actions UNCW can undertake to create a more sustainable campus, were incorporated in the master plan. Some of those actions include erosion control measures, increased alternative transportation and minimizing site disturbance during construction.

Not all recommendations were approved by the senate or adopted into the master plan, however. A motion was made by the Building and Grounds Committee to set aside 200 acres of conservation space, 55 more acres than proposed in the master plan. Steve Emslie, building and grounds committee chair, felt it was important to preserve the entire conservation space because, "the continued fragmentation of habitat allows for fewer and fewer species to be retained within it, a classic species-area relationship in ecology," he said.

At the final vote, senate members were almost equally divided on the issue and the motion did not carry. However, "the debates resulted in more and better thinking about master planning and were a great service to the university," Spaulding said.

While listening to the campus and its neighbors was a primary and vital part of the process, a space needs analysis and traffic and environmental studies were also commissioned by the consultants, Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC, to help guide their recommendations.

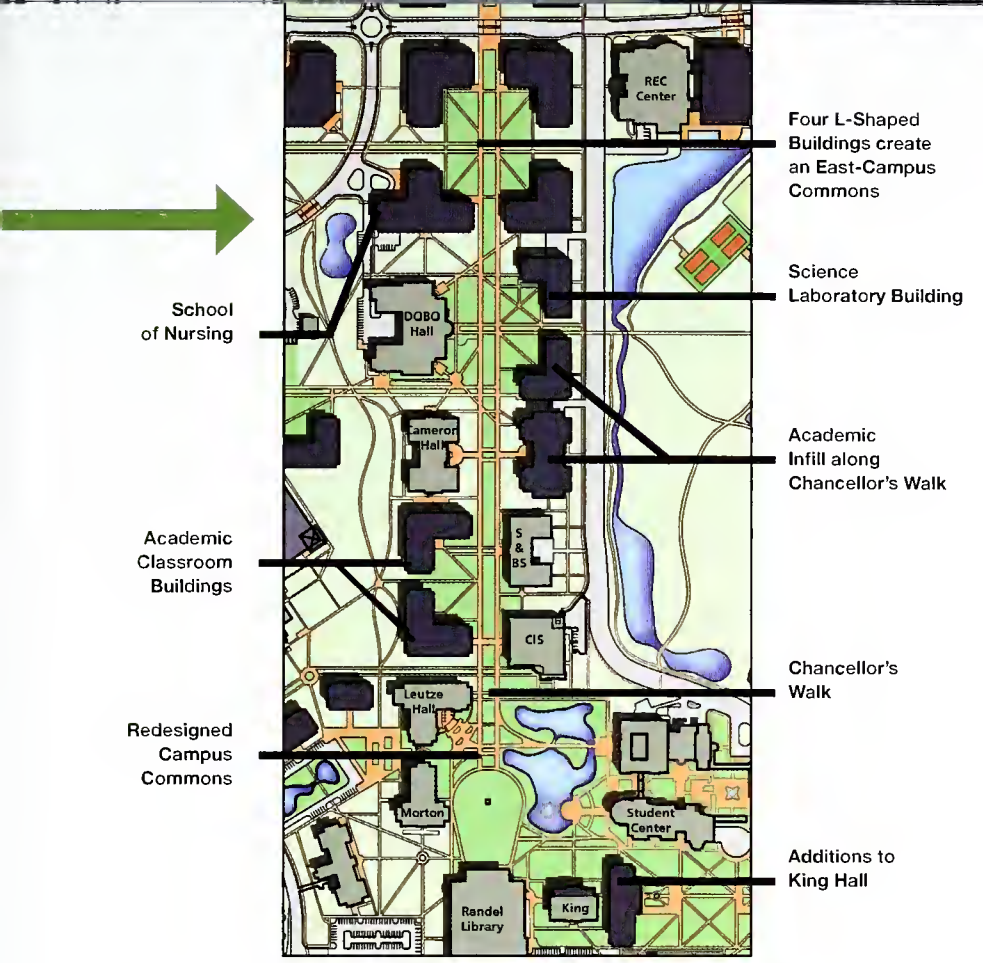
The master plan executive summary states, "As revealed in the space needs analysis prepared by Paulien and Associates as part of the master plan study, UNCW currently operates with 24 percent less space per full-time equivalent student than other UNC comprehensive universities, yet serves 32 percent more students."

The master planners used this data to outline how UNCW will need to expand and improve its facilities in order to meet future demand and compensate for current space deficiencies.

A four-season study of campus natural areas was conducted to help analyze the proper use and management of campus green spaces. The plan designates 155 acres for long-term management and encourages the university to take active stewardship of its natural resources including the 10 acres contained in the Bluethenthal Wildflower Preserve along with 145 acres along the eastern and southern edges of the campus. According to the plan, "The university commits to restoring the ecological health of these areas – including jurisdictional wetlands – to the greatest extent possible. In so doing, the university safeguards an invaluable resource for teaching, research and recreation."

The traffic study by Kimley-Horn & Associates led to strategies in the master plan to reclaim "the campus for pedestrians first, reconfiguring roadways and eliminating non-essential vehicular traffic and parking from the core." Traffic roundabouts and other enhancements as well as an integrated network of walkways, dedicated bike paths and expanded transit offerings are elements of these strategies.

Trustee Chair Krista S. Tillman described the master plan as a living document meant to guide, not bind, decisions about future campus growth. And it should be noted that all of the projects recommended in the plan are possible only as funding becomes available. Bearing that in mind, how is the campus expected to look in a few years? How will the master plan shape UNCW?



1. The cultural arts building on the corner of Randall and Reynolds drives is scheduled to be open for classes this fall. It will house the music and art departments and theatre program.
2. The computer information systems classroom building on the academic core is viewed from the University Union. Construction will be completed by September.
3. Consistent with the university's strategic vision of an "intimate learning environment for undergraduates," the master plan concentrates academic and academic support facilities in the core of campus, along Chancellor's Walk.

Photos by Eric Howell

The campus will be denser.

New buildings will fill in the gaps in the core of campus rather than sprawling at the edges. The master plan recommends a total of 14 new academic buildings, expansion of Randall Library, new performing arts and convocation centers and additions to several buildings.

Buildings may be taller.

While retaining the neo-Georgian architectural style, four-story buildings in the academic core would yield more square footage from less land.

More students will live on campus.

In addition to the Phase II of student apartments already slated for completion in 2007, five new residence halls are also recommended. These facilities would bring the university's on-campus population to approximately 35 percent of the student body, one of UNCW's strategic objectives. More students living on campus will bring the need for more student-support and activity areas including more recreation fields and expansions to Wagoner Dining Hall and the Student Recreation Center.

A pedestrian-first culture will be encouraged.

New pedestrian corridors will include traditional sidewalks, meandering trails and greenways and substantial aesthetic improvements to Chancellor's Walk and the Commons. Perimeter and off-campus parking and expanded on-campus shuttles will also contribute to this effort.

A loop road will circle the outer campus.

The loop that would reduce vehicular traffic in the campus core will be created by utilizing existing roads and adding a section from Riegel Road, between the athletic fields and Greene Track and Field to intersect with Hamilton and Hurst Drives.

Campus green spaces will be better managed and used.

The plan states, "although UNCW is a land-locked metropolitan university, its campus is blessed with an abundance of green space." Proposed changes include developing the College Road buffer area into a gateway garden with well-designed shrub and tree beds, meandering trails and ponds that would encourage its use for recreation. Fencing around the Bluethenthal Wildflower Preserve would be removed and pedestrian trails and boardwalks added, taking care not to disturb the habitat. The 140-acre east campus conservation area would serve as a model habitat for education and research while also recreational use with interpretive trails.

Millennial campus opportunities will be explored.

Several options for public-private partnerships are outlined in the plan. A new science-related millennial campus is proposed north of Reynolds and Cahill drives which could include up to five buildings to house academic and research facilities as well as private research and office spaces. A millennial campus tennis center is proposed east of Greene Track and Field that would include a clubhouse, center court, 12 outdoor courts, nine indoor courts and a 600-space parking deck.

If implemented, the recommendations in the master plan would be accomplished over the next decade in two flexible phases. Phase I, roughly 2005-10, calls for the construction of four academic and support buildings and the student apartments mentioned previously. The buildings are defined as the School of Nursing and Health Science Professions building, academic classroom building, science laboratory building and Randall Library expansion.

"Implementation of this ambitious master plan will require continued campus discussion and additional resources. The end result will allow us to have the best of both worlds: the infrastructure typically seen in a large research university, combined with the intense undergraduate educational experience characteristic of a small private college. This is the unique identity we will shape for ourselves," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

Brenda Riegel is the marketing and communication specialist with the UNCW Division for Business Affairs.

Owen Kenan

Scholarship reflects Kenan's love for UNCW

The late Owen Graham Kenan held a special place in his heart for Wilmington and UNCW.

"My brother Owen loved family and history," Tom Kenan said. "He lived in Wilmington after college, had many friends there and met his bride there. Growing up, we spent the summers at Wrightsville Beach and our old Kenan relatives lived there (in Wilmington) until the late 1960s. He felt Wilmington was his real home."

Owen Graham Kenan attended UNCW in the late 1960s. As a successful businessman and philanthropist with Kenan family companies and charitable organizations, he served on the UNCW Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2002, following a three-year membership on the Foundation Board. He died in September 2002 at age 58.

In his memory, his family has established the Owen Graham Kenan Scholarship, a merit award to assist graduate students enrolled in the marine biology program.

"He loved UNCW so much. We just thought it would be a nice tribute to him," said his wife, Sterling H. "Squirty" Kenan. "He was very interested in marine biology." Many of his friends and organizations with whom he had relationships have also made generous contributions to the scholarship to honor him. It is one of the university's most prestigious awards, covering the full cost of in-state tuition, mandatory fees and books for each recipient. Students must demonstrate exceptional academic ability to be considered for the scholarship.

"Our M.S. in marine biology program is well established and enjoys an international reputation, so we find ourselves competing for students with some of the top-notch research institutions in the country," said Robert Roer, dean of the Graduate School.

"Our Ph.D. program in marine biology is relatively new and must, therefore, compete with more established programs. The Owen Kenan Scholarship will enable us to more effectively vie for the most highly qualified and sought-after students."

Britt Preyer (right) at a Board of Visitors reception.

Marine biology students benefit from Preyer's gift

Britt Preyer, a UNCW Board of Visitors member, has endowed the Preyer Family Scholarship for undergraduate students majoring in marine biology. This merit scholarship honors the Preyer family's commitments to public service and environmental protection.

Britt credits his father, the late L. Richardson Preyer, and his sister, Jane Preyer, with inspiring his interest in conservation. His sister is the director of the N.C. Environmental Defense Fund. His father was a successful lawyer, judge, banker, teacher and U.S. Congressman.

"I love the coast and I know how important it is to protect it," Preyer said. "I am impressed with the high-quality research underway in marine biology at UNCW. Many bright students want to attend UNCW to participate in that research. With this scholarship, I am helping the university educate tomorrow's marine biologists."

Merit scholarships vital part of UNCW's future

As a leading university in the South, UNCW offers the powerful learning experiences gifted students seek.

These students enrich the intellectual climate on campus; they make classes, research and other programs more challenging – and more rewarding – for all students and the faculty. To attract and retain gifted students, UNCW must significantly increase the number and quality of its merit scholarships.

"The top high school seniors today have extraordinary resumes – in academics, leadership and extracurricular activities – and they typically have choices as far as which college to attend. Given the competition for these students across universities, it is terrific that UNCW has set endowing more merit scholarships as a priority," said Kate Bruce, director of the Honors Scholars Program.

"It is always a shame to hear one of these incredible prospective students say that he or she would really like to attend UNCW, but another school has offered much more recognition of their academic achievement through financial support. With an increase in merit scholarships, UNCW will hear a different story," she said.

Contributions can be given in honor or memory of a family member or friend, a favorite faculty or staff member. Gifts to the alumni association help fund 15 scholarships each year. For more information about giving opportunities, please contact university advancement at 910.962.3751 or visit www.uncw.edu/advancement.

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Merit scholarship gives others opportunity to learn

The late Harriet Hunter Johnson never had the opportunity for a formal education.

She did however inherit significant property in southern New Hanover County from her grandfather Henry Alexander Martindale, a successful vegetable farmer, when he died in 1911. He hoped his granddaughter would use the land to afford an education, according to Roger Horne, Johnson's cousin. Circumstances, including World War I and the Great Depression, derailed her opportunities, he said.

Instead, Johnson, her mother (until her death in 1948) and a female cousin eked out a frugal living from the property by raising and selling flowers, plants, grapes and timber. In the late 1960s, Johnson sold most of the farm, but she and her cousin continued to live on a portion of the Martindale property until their deaths.

When Johnson died in October 2001 at age 106, she left a substantial portion of her estate to UNCW to establish a merit scholarship. The Henry Alexander Martindale Honors Scholarship, named in memory of her grandfather, will help the Honors Scholars Program attract and retain gifted students.

"She would be very proud and humbled to help the university and young people in this way," Horne said. "I am sure her grandfather would be proud and grateful that since Cousin Harriet could not get the education that he desired for her, she was able to use what he had left to her to benefit others in getting an education."

In her later years, Johnson was an invaluable resource to public historians at UNCW. The university conducted an archaeological dig on the farm to learn more about its history, buildings and inhabitants, and extensively interviewed Johnson to record her oral history.

"She could recite details from the past that I could substantiate with research. I thought, 'This is a gold mine,'" recalled Mims '81, '03M, who interviewed Johnson to prepare her master's thesis in history. "She was very lively and endearing. You couldn't help but be moved by her stories."

Interested in contributing to UNCW through an estate gift? Contact Chris Clapp, planned giving director, at 910.962.3214.

Stories by Andrea Weaver, communications and marketing manager for University Advancement

by the numbers

$1,436 – **Average freshman merit award at UNCW**

$3,126 – **Average freshman merit award at similar public institutions**

4 – **Percentage of UNCW freshmen who received merit awards**

17 – **Percentage of freshmen at similar universities who received merit awards**

(figures are for the 2004-05 academic year)

1. Russ LaBelle, chair of the UNCW Foundation Board met Heather Clayburn, a Leutze Merit Scholarship recipient. The foundation established the scholarship.
3. Leisa Meeting, recipient of the Mae Rachel Freeman Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with the Freeman family.
3. Melanie James, who received a nursing scholarship from the Forty & Eight of the American Legion Nursing, gets a hug from Ben Halterman.
4. Cissie Bridger (center), president of the Friends of UNCW is pictured with the organization's scholarship recipients Mary Patman (left) and Matthew Weissenbach.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

As UNCW alumni, we have many reasons to be proud. The latest is that UNCW was ranked No. 32 in *Kiplinger's* 100 Best Values in Public Colleges.

As our university continues to soar, so do its alumni. The alumni association is creating new programs and events that continue to connect you to UNCW. We held a pre-concert picnic during Family Weekend, our first dinner and theater, a Fall Alumni Weekend to bring alumni back to campus, and alumni gatherings in Colorado, Oregon, Wisconsin, Florida and Illinois.

I encourage you to check the alumni Web site (www.uncw.edu/alumni) regularly for our events, both locally and across the country. You can also find details on our Web site about several new benefit programs for UNCW alumni. Proceeds from these programs contribute to our scholarship programs and support our events.

Homecoming weekend and our annual awards dinner were very successful this year. We honored Judge John Marsh Tyson '74, 2006 Alumnus of the Year; Dr. J. Marshall Crews, 2006 Distinguished Citizen of the Year; and Kristen Dunn '97, Young Alumna of the Year. Congratulations to all of them and please remember to send your nominations for our 2007 awards to the Alumni Relations office; call 910.962.2682 for more information. Nominations must be received by July 1.

I want to personally thank all alumni who have given their time, talents or monetary support to UNCW. The number of alumni who made a gift to UNCW last fall increased 42 percent compared to fall 2004. As state funding becomes a smaller proportion of the university's total budget, your gifts become even more critical in helping students and maintaining our rank as a quality institution. I am also proud to announce that through your gifts we have endowed the Patricia Corcoran Smith '72 Scholarship, bringing our total of endowed scholarships to five out of 15 that the alumni association awards each year.

Please join me in welcoming three new members to our board: Sara Hall Cain '99, '05M, James Carroll '90, and Marcus Smith '96. If you are interested in volunteering to serve the alumni board in any capacity, please contact the alumni office at 910.962.2682.

With Seahawk Spirit,

Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M

Chair, Alumni Association Board

The UNCW Alumni Association honored Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 as Young Alumna of the Year, Dr. J. Marshall Crews as Citizen of the Year and Judge John Marsh Tyson '74 as Alumnus of the Year.

Dunn, Tyson, Crews receive alumni honors

Judge John M. Tyson '74, Dr. J. Marshall Crews and Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 are the 2006 UNCW Alumni Association award winners.

Tyson was named Alumnus of the Year for outstanding contributions to his community through his professional success and civic involvement.

After graduating from UNCW in 1974, he taught school and worked as a probation and parole officer before attending Campbell University School of Law. He completed his law degree in 1979 and worked as a private attorney and professional mediator/arbitrator. During this time, he was elected to the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District and was appointed to the Cumberland County Joint Planning and Zoning Board. He was elected to the N.C. Court of Appeals in 2001.

Tyson has served on numerous state boards and commissions and is a member of the N.C. State Bar, the Virginia Bar, U.S. Court of Appeals Bar (4th Circuit) and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar. He is a colonel, staff judge advocate with the U.S. Service Command, Division III.

An adjunct law professor at Campbell University School of Law, Tyson holds a Master of Business Administration from Duke University and a Master of Law in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law. He and his wife Kirby Thomason Tyson '77 have four children. Their son Jason also graduated from UNCW in 2006.

Crews is the 2006 Citizen of the Year and is recognized for his exceptional service to the university and the community. He is one of the legendary leaders who shaped UNCW into the stellar institution it is today.

A mathematics professor and one of the institution's original faculty members, Crews served as registrar, dean of students, academic dean and director of admissions. He is the author of *From These Beginnings*, a history of Wilmington College, as the university was formerly known. Crews holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from George Peabody University and a doctorate from N.C. State University.

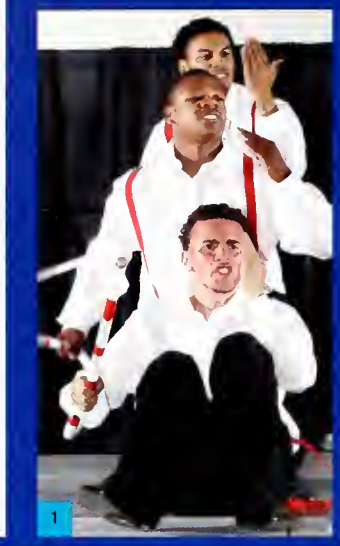
Generations of alumni deeply respect Crews, now a professor emeritus. He is the namesake for an undergraduate merit science scholarship and the Distinguished Faculty Award presented by the alumni association.

Although retired, Crews remains involved with the Wilmington College Alumni Chapter and actively continues to support and promote the university by identifying potential scholarship donors.

Dunn is the 2006 Young Alumna of the Year. The award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their communities through their professional success and civic involvement. Men and women who graduated or attended UNCW within the past 10 years are eligible for the award.

As chair of the UNCW Cape Fear Alumni Chapter, Dunn has energetically accepted the challenge of revitalizing the university's "hometown" chapter. Under her guidance, the chapter has sponsored two socials, the Grand Slam Jam and a successful golf outing/fundraiser. Proceeds from the golf event supported scholarships sponsored by the alumni association. She is also a founding member of the Earth Sciences Alumni Chapter.

After earning a bachelor of arts in geology with a minor in geography, Dunn worked in the environmental field, primarily as a land surveyor. She and husband Matt, also a 1997 UNCW graduate and vice chair of the Cape Fear Alumni Chapter, established Carolina Residential Realty in 2002. Dunn is a member of the Wilmington Regional Association of Realtors, the Brunswick County Association of Realtors, the Cape Fear Independent Real Estate Brokers Council, the N.C. Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.



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1. Members of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity performed at the Port City Step Show as part of Homecoming 2006 festivities.
2. The African American Graduate Association (AAGA) hosted Senior Sankofa for December graduates at the School of Education building. Sankofa is a word in the Akan languages of West Africa that means "wisdom in learning from the past to build for the future" and symbolizes an African rite of passage.
3. Virginia Adams, dean of the School of Nursing, speaks with nursing alumni who gathered for a Homecoming brunch at Wise Alumni House.
4. Alumni gathered in the Hawks Nest for a social before the Homecoming game when the Seahawks played Northwestern University.
5. A group of UNCW alumni cheered on the Seahawks when they traveled to Madison, Wis., to play the Badgers.

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Eric Howell / Jason Wheeler

AAGA

Senior Sankofa is officially a huge success! It has outgrown Wise Alumni House and Kenan House; the fall event was held in the atrium of the School of Education Building. Chapter President Gia Todd Long '91 is very thankful for this growth and looks forward to its continued success.

The homecoming package for members of AAGA was also successful. A large number of alumni participated in the events, which included the social, step show and luncheon. New this year was the main attraction, the Alumni Gospel Choir Reunion, held Jan. 29 at Mt. Zion AME Church.

All members were invited to attend AAGA's April chapter meeting. The spring Senior Sankofa program will be held Friday, May 12, in the School of Education Building.

Atlanta

On Feb. 11, a crowd of more than 125 alumni and friends cheered the Seahawks on to a 69-57 victory over the Georgia State University Panthers, a new member of the CAA conference. They gathered before the game at Mick's in Underground Atlanta.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 3, the fourth annual Atlanta Braves baseball game event.

Baltimore / Washington, D.C.

The chapter is planning a social event for all Maryland and Washington alumni on June 24 at Camden Yards to watch the Baltimore Orioles take on the Washington Nationals.

A pregame social will be held before the game. For more information regarding the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, please contact Jeff@leefinancialassociates.com.

California

Alumni living in California will soon be able to gather and learn what new things have been going on at UNCW. Two socials are planned for 4 p.m. PST Saturday, May 27. The northern California social will be held at the Wipe Out Bar and Grill in San Francisco. The southern California social will be held at Rusty's Surf Ranch at Santa Monica Pier, Los Angeles.

Cameron School of Business

Cameron School of Business alumni are invited to a gathering at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in Cameron Hall, room 211. The chapter will elect a new president and make plans to recruit additional leaders.

Cape Fear

The Cape Fear Alumni Chapter had a great year in 2005. Three socials were held, and the 12th annual Golf Classic provided $1,000 towards the general scholarship program. Chapter members assisted with numerous homecoming events. The best part of Homecoming 2006 was the announcement that chapter chair Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 was the recipient of the Young Alumna of the Year Award. The chapter is proud of "Doc" for her leadership and welcomes everyone to send congratulations to doc@ec.rr.com.

Upcoming events include the eighth annual Grand Slam Jam on Friday, May 5, at Brooks Field. The chapter invites area alumni to the cookout and the UNCW men's baseball gave against the Delaware Blue Hens.

The chapter has also scheduled a social for 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Captain's Lounge in the Bluewater Grill, Wrightsville Beach. The chapter is planning the next Cape Fear Golf Classic and welcomes anyone interested in being part of the golf committee. Please contact Doc at doc@ec.rr.com.

Charlotte

The chapter will host a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 at the Hyatt Charlotte, 5501 Carnegie Boulevard, to set the remaining 2006 schedule and to select new leadership positions. Food and beverages will be provided. Chapter President Meredith Spencer '99 is excited to see the support from the area and looks forward to growing the chapter.

A social will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at Ri Ra Irish Pub on North Tryon Street. It will include a raffle for UNCW alumni apparel.

Please contact Spencer at merespencer@yahoo.com or 704.393.2425 for more information about either event.

Colorado

A group of Seahawks met in November for a pregame social at Dolan's Restaurant and learned about the positive growth at UNCW and exchanged many memories of campus life. They then cheered on the Seahawks who played the Colorado Buffaloes at the Coors Light Center. Although the Buffaloes won the game, the UNCW alumni had a lot of fun at the event. The group is interested in having another gathering for Colorado alumni in 2006.

Crew Club

Former and current crew club team members gathered March 18 at the Cape Fear Rowing Club for a day of rowing and alumni pride. Curt Browder '92, alumni Crew Club chair, provided updates with the current team and encouraged all alumni to support them. For more information with the Crew Club alumni chapter contact Browder '92 at William.Browder@ace-ina.com

Florida

Florida alumni gathered on Feb. 28 at the Tarpon Bend in Fort Lauderdale and on March 6 at Bahama Breeze in Orlando. At each event, Todd Olesiuk '99, assistant alumni director, talked about the growth and success that UNCW has achieved. Alumni made new acquaintances and reconnected with old friends.

School of Nursing

School of Nursing alumni hosted a brunch during Homecoming. A group of 20 dedicated supporters gathered at Wise Alumni House and made plans for an exciting year for the School of Nursing and the alumni chapter. Dean Virginia Adams announced the university is sponsoring "From Trauma to Trial: Beyond CSI, A Forensics Conference" May 18-19 at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside. The conference is designed to introduce registered nurses and other qualified health care providers, law enforcement officers, prosecuting and defense attorneys to basic procedures in collection of forensic evidence. Visit http://www.uncw.edu/dpscs/TttRegistration.htm or call 910.962.3195 to register for the conference.

Triangle

The Triangle Chapter invites fellow Seahawks to a social at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the Ale House on Falls of Neuse Road in Raleigh. Newcomers are encouraged to attend, meet chapter members and learn more about upcoming events. The chapter is also sponsoring a Durham Bulls outing on Saturday, April 22.

For more information about the Triangle Chapter, contact Steve Hailey '92 at stephen.hailey@ubs.com.

Watson School of Education

Over the last few years, the chapter has awarded two scholarships each year to education majors who exemplify excellent scholastic performance. Now the chapter wants to endow the Watson School of Education Alumni Chapter Scholarship so the tradition will continue, and members must raise $25,000 to reach that goal. A campaign has been designed and will begin with personally written contacts to fellow alumni. A student phonathon will follow the initial contacts, then *Connections* magazine will give details for making contributions to the fund. The next chapter meeting will be Thursday, May 25, in the WSE Alumni Lounge. For more information, contact chapter president Janis Norris '81 at fjnorris@earthlink.net.

Wilmington College

Wilmington College chapter member Dr. J. Marshall Crews was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award by the UNCW Alumni Association at the Homecoming awards banquet on Jan. 27. Please join Dr. Crews and other Wilmington College chapter members at Jackson's Big Oak Barbeque for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month. More information can be obtained by contacting Jim Medlin '52 at 910.791.5259.

Wisconsin

A crowd of dedicated alumni gathered in December for a social before for the Seahawk/Badger game in Madison, Wis. Todd Olesiuk '99, assistant alumni director, led this cheering section and was supported by Jason Wheeler '99, '02M, vice chair of the association's board of directors, and Melissa Everitt, assistant director of the Seahawk Club. Bill Donlon '99, assistant men's basketball coach, attended the social and thanked the alumni for their continued support of the alumni association and UNCW athletics. Although the Badgers won the game with a 20-footer at the buzzer, the Seahawks played tenacious defense that quieted the sold-out crowd at the Kohl Center.

1950s

Bill Mathias '58 retired from the University of South Carolina and now resides in Lake Murray, S.C., consulting on at-risk youth, school safety and security. He holds bachelor of business administration and Ed.D. degrees from the University of Georgia where he founded the campus police. He also founded the College of Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina, where he served as dean for 19 years and taught for nine more.

1960s

Elaine Henson '67 developed a program titled "Postcards and Photographs: Glimpses of Historic Carolina Beach, Part 1."

Lynda McLean '67 retired from the York County School Division after 33 years as a high school English teacher. She now works part-time as a library assistant at the Poquoson Public Library in Virginia.

1970s

Sit Right Here by Me

Susan Block '71 published a book of light verse titled *Sit Right Here by Me*.

Robert Rehder '72 is the director of the James Sprunt Community College Small Business Center.

John Watson '72 is vice president at the Charlotte office of Carpenter, Cammack and Associates Inc., specializing in bonding and insurance for contractors.

Charlie Maultsby '73 owner of Red Dog's in Wrightsville Beach, was featured in a UNCW alumni profile in *Lumina News*.

Jackie Floyd Richardson '76 received her National Board Certification in early childhood education. She is pursuing a Master of Education degree in literacy at Queens University of Charlotte and is the K-2 curriculum coordinator for New Hanover County Schools.

Shell

Bruce Shell '77 is county manager for New Hanover County.

Paul Dempsey '78 received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from UNC Chapel Hill Dec. 18, 2005. He is a pharmacy director for Hot Springs Health Program in Mars Hill.

Gail Eubanks '79 is president of the Savannah Advertising Federation, an association of advertising and marketing professionals in Savannah, Ga. She is executive director of enrollment management and marketing at Savannah Technical College.

1980s

Christopher Shove '80 is a dean and executive director at Missouri Western State University in Dearborn. His article titled "Emerging State Policies for Space Commerce" was published in the *Sage Economic Development Quarterly*.

William Barriger '81 of Taylorsville is director of operations for Food Safety Solutions.

Ricky Watkins '81 is assistant superintendent for human resources for Richmond County Schools.

Linda Wells '81 was named the Wallace-Rose Hill High School Teacher of the Year.

Suzanne Cooey Murray '84 is a faculty program coordinator for business and office technology at Piedmont Technical College. In 2005, she was named Faculty Educator of the Year.

Sterling Ashby '85 is a meteorologist for NASA in Rockledge, Fla.

Shelley Ray Hambalek '85 earned project management professional certification from the Project Management Institute. She is a project manager in the information technology department at the Nature Conservancy in Kailua, Hawaii. **Stephen Hambalek '83** is an environmental scientist with FEMA.

Nicholas Parker '86 of Chapel Hill was promoted to utilities engineer with the Orange Water Sewer Authority in September 2005.

Carl Crabtree '87 is the proprietor of ERA Coastal Properties in Kitty Hawk. His Web site is www.carlcrabtree.com.

Mary McAllister '87 is the principal of Silverdale Elementary School in Jacksonville.

William van der Meulen '87 was elected as Staff Person of the Year at Nash Community College in Spring Hope, where he is outreach coordinator. He was also nominated for the N.C. Community College Staff Person of the Year award.

Frank Smiley '87 earned a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of St. Augustine and is the head physical therapist at Northern Rehabilitation in Mount Airy.

Bill Hall '88 is head coach for the Northwood High School football team in Pittsboro. The team won its first conference championship in 33 years in 2005, coming off a 34-27 season that had the second most wins in school history.

Christopher Haynes '89 teaches social studies at Columbia Middle School in Asheville.

Jeffrey Roberson '89 of Denver is vice president of sales for Medexus Inc., a company that distributes prescription and over-the-counter products.

1990s

Marjorie "Beth" Gregg Robinson '90 is in private practice mental health specializing in trauma in Ocala, Fla. Her Web site is www.serenityocala.com.

Billy Hinson '90 is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Raleigh.

Joel Joyce '90 is vice president, business banking officer, with The Bank of Wilmington.

Sandra Burk '91M won the Izaak Walton League of America's Book of the Year Award for her recently published *Let the River Run Silver Again*.

Rovert Leavitt '91M was reappointed to the Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees by Gov. Mike Easley.

Mark Samples '91 is a special agent with the Department of Homeland Security's Marine Investigation Division.

Elizabeth Thigpen '91 is a health/physical education teacher at Beulaville Elementary School in Richlands.

Rahn Adams '92 coauthored *Night Lights: Golf, the Blues and the Brown Mountain Light* with his wife Timberley. He teaches English at Watauga High School in Boone.

Curt Browder '92 of Penn AC Rowing Association is the Schuylkill Navy Coach of the Year for 2005. He coached both a men's pair with coxswain and a pair without at the 2005 World Championships in Gifu, Japan. Seven of the 21 athletes he coached last year made the U.S. Rowing Championship Team.

Traci Batten-Radford '92 was a guest performer at the Johnston Community College Country Music Showcase "Here's to the Red, White and Blue" held in June 2005.

Windy Arey Kent '92 is the education curator at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. **Christopher Kent '93** is an environmental health specialist with the Pamlico County Health Department. They reside in Arapahoe.

Christopher Card '93 is director of golf at the Landfall Country Club.

Randolph Edwards '93 is a trauma surgeon at Hartford Hospital, an affiliate of the University of Connecticut. He completed general surgery training at Yale University in 2005.

Lynne Haase Evans '93 of Etowah received a masters degree in library science from East Carolina University in May 2005. She teaches fifth grade in Henderson County.

Eric Freund '93 is an attorney in the employment law personnel section of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

Mike Kirkley '93 owner of Wrightsville Beach Supply Company, was featured in a UNCW alumni profile in *Lumina News*.

David Rose '93 is a faculty member and technology integration specialist at the Landon School in Bethesda, Md.

James Barnhill '94 was named the Durham Jaycees' Young Educator of the Year and the North Carolina Jaycees' Young Educator of the Year. He is in his 11th year teaching kindergarten at Forest View Elementary in Durham.

Beth Oliver Briley '94 is the manager of regulatory compliance at AMEC BioPharmaceuticals.

Shannon Davis '94 is the marketing director for Oak Hollow Mall in High Point.

Polly Rowell Godwin '94 is vice president and owner of Specialty Living Inc. which includes three Internet companies: www.specialtyliving.com, www.kineticfountains.com and www.picnicfun.com.

Ruth Ann Herbert '94, '96M is an English teacher at Cumberland Health and Life Sciences High School, a health-themed, community-based small school designed to prepare students for post-secondary education and health related careers. It is one of the New Schools Projects funded by Microsoft founder Bill Gates.

Tandy Lowder '94 was named 2005 Safety Director of the Year by the N.C. Trucking Association Safety Management Council. She is safety director for West Atlantic Transportation Corp. in Concord.

Angela Arno '95 of Oneida, N.Y., started her own company, Angelo Arno Design, that designs handmade jewelry from semi-precious gems, crystal and glass. A piece from her line was included in the gift bag given to celebrity attendees at the Emmy Awards. The company's Web site is at www.angelaarno.com.

Assistant vice president and senior financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Greensboro, **Brian Coghill '95** was named complex sales manager for the Greater Carolina complex. **Heather Swain Coghill '96** is programs coordinator at Guilford Day School.

Leigh Etheridge '95 graduated magna cum laude with a Master of Business Administration degree in healthcare management from the Uni-

versity of Phoenix. She is director of finance for Granville Medical Center in Oxford and is pursuing certification as a healthcare financial profession through the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

Dennis Gillikin '95 received a master's degree in science industrial technology with a concentration in industrial distribution/logistics from East Carolina University in December 2005. He is a logistics management specialist with NAVAIR in Cherry Point

Dana Hall '95 is a choir teacher at Anderson Elementary and Pamlico Middle schools.

Anna Parry Jackson '95 was appointed marketing director for the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic in Cary.

Eric Lapsansky '95 teaches social studies and coaches varsity soccer for the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools in Ohio.

Jessica Matthes '95, '98M earned a Ph.D in clinical psychology with a concentration in neuropsychology from Drexel University in 2004 She has a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology with Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

Phillip Mills III '95 was promoted to manager in the Wilmington office of Pittard, Perry and Crone Inc

Renee Pagoota '95 is pursuing a master's degree in reading education at Appalachian State University. She is a teacher in the Catawba County School District

Lisa Snyder '95 was deployed to the Persian Gulf as a ship's nurse and now works as the nurse manager for the Intensive Care Unit at the U.S. Navy Hospital in Guam. She is also working on her master's degree as a critical nurse specialist through the Navy.

Ginger Davis '96 was awarded a Fulbright Award to study in Vietnam for 10 months. The Temple University doctoral student plans to pursue research relating to U.S. foreign relations with modern Vietnam, U.S. race relations and West Africa. She was featured in a story that appeared in the Sept. 7, 2005, issue of the *Wilson Daily Times*.

Robert Partin '96 earned a Master of Education degree in health administration from East Carolina University. He is a physical education teacher at Heritage Middle School in Wake Forest and head basketball coach at Wakefield High School.

Greg Wahl '96 is an environmental manager with the State of South Carolina's Office of Coastal and Resource Management in Charleston.

Matthew Brecht '97 is a sales representative with the turf and ornamental team of Syngenta Professional Products in Sylacauga, Ala

Tamara Kemp '97 works as an accountant with Collins & Kemp in Wilmington and Fairmont

Dan McGraw '97 is a sculptor and art therapist in the developmental disabilities field in Hickory. His work was featured at the Silver Coast Winery in Ocean Isle Beach in November 2005.

Amy Raynor '97 earned a Master of Arts degree in Christian counseling from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Karen Williams '97 lives in Mebane on a 13-acre farm with two horses.

Michael Lewis '98 is a physician's assistant with the Duplin Medical Association in Warsaw.

Rebecca Cotterill Ramey '99 and her husband, **Scott '98** of Vernon Hill, Va., spent a year in Munich, Germany, where Rebecca was an international product manager for MWG Biotech which produces synthetic DNA. Scott is a math teacher at Carlbrook School

Danielle Bourgeois '99 works as a manager/buyer at Sweetwater Surf Shop in Wilmington.

Margaret Jackson '99 completed a tour with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. She worked as a HIV/AIDS health instructor for teachers and youths in Jima

Knowles

Kelly Knowles '99 was promoted to director of government and political affairs at the American Bakers Association in Washington, D.C She is pursuing a graduate certificate in political action committees and political management from The George Washington University. She is a member of the North Carolina Society of Washington, the Society of Bakery Women, Women in Government Relations and the Congressional Women's Golf Association.

Evonne Mochon-Collura '99M is a marine biologist at the Oregon Coast Aquarium A story in the Dec. 21, 2005, edition of *The Oregonian* featured her work with the endangered Vietnamese leaf turtle.

Adam Scepurek '99 earned a master's degree in accounting and was promoted to manager of the Southern Pines office of Dixon Huges.

Kimberly Sims '99 is an archival assistant in the Duke University archives.

2000s

Wendy Pate Croft '00 was certified as a graduate gemologist by the Gemological Institute of America

Colleen Donathan Duval '00 of Webster, Texas, was promoted to director of expansion for Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and is responsible for the development of new chapters.

Ailene Nash '00 coaches track and field at Granville Middle School in Newark, Ohio.

Emily Parry '00 is the communications manager for the Hilton Head-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce.

Jeanne Salmon '00 of Boston, Mass., earned an associate of science degree in dental hygiene from the New Hampshire Technical Institute.

Allan Adams '01 graduated in May 2005 from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Jossini Barnes '01 passed the Certified Public Accountant's examination and was promoted to assistant manager in KPMG's internal auditing department. KPMG is located in the Cayman Islands.

Nathan Capestany '01 a platoon leader, 2nd lieutenant, with the U.S. Army, fighting in Samarra, Iraq, with the 3-69 Armor Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Mark Gray '01 works with the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, as part of Homeland Security, overseeing security for offices throughout the country

Kilpatrick

Courtney Kilpatrick '01 received a promotion to production manager for the N C. Rural Economic Development Center in Raleigh

John Van Zandt IV '01 is a youth developer with the Latin American Youth Center in Washington, D.C., working with at-risk urban youth in substance abuse prevention.

Tracy Wilson '01 teaches second-grade mathematics at Meadow Lane Elementary School in Goldsboro and was named Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year

Garth Blakely '02 graduated from the U.S. Naval Officer's Candidate School, Aviation Preflight Indoctrination and is a member of the VT-4 Warbucks Training Squadron in Pensacola, Fla

Walter Bowden '02 was promoted to case manager and attained qualified mental health professional status in November 2005. He works at the Whiteville office of Assisted Care.

Troy Coughlin '02 is an application specialist/engineer with Data Innovations in South Burlington, Vt

Sheila Dockery '02 was promoted to banking officer at BB&T in Snow Hill.

Jeff Gerdes '02 is pursuing a doctorate in chiropractic at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Vagn Hansen '02 received a master's degree from UNC Greensboro in May 2005.

Jessica Reiss '02 graduated with a J D from Quinnipiac University School of Law in December and is studying for the California and Virginia bar exams.

Kelley Riddick '02 represented Nash County-Rocky Mount Schools as the Best Elementary School Mathematics Teacher at a conference in Greensboro.

Marlo Sabrinsky '02 is an associate information technology administrator for Dimension Data in Charlotte.

Bradley Smith '02 is on an educational leave of absence from New Hanover Regional Medical Center to attend the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia.

Tiffany Ballard '03 is a charge nurse at the Telemetry Center at Craven Regional Medical Center in New Bern

Bree Bean '03 is a graduate student in the Master of Public Administration degree program at UNC Chapel Hill.

Andrew Godwin '03 is a medical technologist student at Wake Forest University's Baptist Medical Center and plans to earn a doctorate, specializing in anesthesiology.

Sean Higgins '03 earned a master's degree in music from Northern Illinois University. He performs frequently in the Chicago area, including at the House of Blues.

Elizabeth Hullender '03 received a Master of Arts degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management from the University of South Carolina in August 2005.

Michelle Williams Richardson '03 is enrolled in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Duke University.

Sarah Risty '03 earned a master's degree in museum and gallery studies from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. She resides in New Bern.

Jamie Townsend '03 of Apex is a financial analyst/accountant in Clarkston Consulting's internal operations accounting department.

Michael Underwood '03 was featured in an Aug. 20 article in the *Shelby Star* about young farmers.

Jennifer Baker '04 is a commercial lender with BB&T in Washington, D.C.

Shawna Barrett '04 is pursuing an M.P.A. at UNC Greensboro and is an intern with the City of Greensboro's events planning coordinator.

Sara Cowling '04 is pursuing a master's degree in social work at East Carolina University.

Melissa Garganta '04 is a medical student at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

Bradley Hutchens '04 is a sales coordinator with Hertz Equipment Rental Company in Durham.

Leslie Ingram '04 operates a dance studio in Princeton.

Matthew Johnson '04 is enrolled in Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in Huntington, W.Va.

Jack Lauterback '04 is the Richmond-area on-premise sales representative for Associated Distributors in Midlothian, Va.

Cherie Lea '04 plays basketball professionally for Yellow Bike Amsterdam, the 11-time champion of the Netherland's top league.

Bethany Reid '04 received a full grant from the University of Colorado Denver Health Sciences Center to pursue a Ph.D. in human medical genetics.

Tamara Rosenbloom '04 is a retail customer support representative with Verizon Wireless in King of Prussia, Pa.

Nicole Sampson '04 is deployed in Iraq working in an intensive care ward in Baghdad taking care of Iraqi citizens and insurgent, American and coalition casualties.

Sarah Sayre '04 trains sea lions and dolphins at Dolphins Plus, a marine mammal education and research facility in the Florida Keys.

Caroline Stillwell '04 was named the Teacher of the Year at Wallace Elementary School where she teaches fifth grade.

Kevin Yates '04M will provide wetlands delineation and permitting expertise to the stormwater department of John R. McAdams Company in the Research Triangle Park.

Angela Pruitt Allen '05 was re-elected as mayor of Tarheel. She is a registered nurse at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

Carrie Cannon '05M was promoted to program director for the CASA Program in Alexandria and Arlington, Va., which supervises volunteers who advocate for children entering the state's family court system.

Jonathan Frazier '05 is the junior varsity basketball coach at Heide Trask High School in Burgaw.

Christopher Hicks '05 is enrolled in the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University.

Will Klinger '05 is enrolled in the anthropology graduate program at the University of South Florida.

Rowan Koons '05 is a maintenance sales consultant with Piedmont Air Conditioning in Wilmington.

Brooke Lyerly '05 works at Pharmatech Solutions in Wilmington.

Brittany Matthews '05 teaches seventh grade language arts and social studies at Chinquapin Elementary School.

Andrea Miralia '05 started Wilmington Freecycle, an e-mail list that allows people to get rid of their old belongings by giving them to someone else. Her idea, inspired by the national "freecycle" movement, was featured in the June 10, 2005, issue of the Wilmington *Star-News*.

Christie Schreckengost '05 was featured in a September edition of *Lumina News*. The article talked about her work as a Wrightsville Beach lifeguard and her acceptance into the U.S. Coast Guard's Officer Candidate School.

Tracie Vestal '05M owns dental offices in Elizabethtown and Leland.

Weddings

Paula Chewning Bass '83 and George Walls on Sept. 21, 2005.

Michael Orr '88 and Charlotte Humphries on Oct. 8, 2005.

Sharon Umstead '90 and Jimmy Jackson on July 29, 2005. The couple lives in Garner.

Jeffrey Lyons '92 and Michele Barns on Oct. 15, 2005.

Joseph Martello '93 and Patricia Dominguez on Aug. 14, 2005. Joseph works at Fidelity Investments in Manhattan. The couple resides in Huntington Station, N.Y.

Heather Mullican '93 and Jesse Coleman on Sept. 3, 2005.

Chris Conklin '95 and **Christa Tompkins '97** on April 30, 2005. Chris is in sales with Jackson Beverage and Christa is a teacher with Brunswick County Schools.

Ginger Garner '95 and Jeffrey Jablonski on Aug. 14, 2005.

Eric Lanier '95 and **Katherine Williams '99** on June 18, 2005.

Tim Shipman '95 and Alyson Pressley on Sept. 4, 2005. Tim is a branch manager with Ferguson Enterprises in Leicester.

Michael Aldridge '96 and Morgan A. Peerenboom on June 11, 2005. Michael has an M.B.A. from Rutgers University and is a senior financial analyst-international with Sealy Inc. in Trinity. The couple resides in High Point.

Melanie Dixon '96 and Benjamin Smith on June 20, 2005. Melanie is an environmental health specialist with the Craven County Health Department.

Jennifer Jackson '96 and Collin Valentine on Sept. 10, 2005.

Rebecca Parrish '96 and David Watson on June 25, 2005. Rebecca has a master's degree in counseling from Gordon-Conwell Seminary. The couple resides in Baltimore.

Elizabeth Kepley '97 and Keith Austin on Sept. 3, 2005.

Jennifer Williams '97 and Rene Haagen on June 24, 2005.

Christopher Britt '98 and **Misty Ward '98** on Oct. 1, 2005.

Jill Gambino '98 and Scott O'Leary on May 21, 2005. Jill is an international project manager with MCI. The couple resides in Boiling Spring Lakes.

Amy Orr '98 and Chris Megathlin on Oct. 15, 2005.

Anitra Blackwell '99 and Keith Walker on Jan. 1, 2005. Anitra was promoted to team leader and was named the National Labratorian of the Year by Labcorp for 2005.

Julie Oakley '00 and Richard Crow on Sept. 24, 2005.

Christi Perrott '00 and Barry Seneri on July 30, 2005.

Melody Smith '99, '04M and Nicholas Young on Dec. 18, 2005. Melody is an admissions counselor and adjunct instructor at Lees-McRae College.

Donna Jackson '00 and Lucas Hardee on July 9, 2005.

Laquita Jenkins '00 and Willie Farmer on July 30, 2005.

Erin Sabrinsky '00M and Nathan R. Strickler on Oct. 29, 2005. Erin is a senior financial analyst with Progress Energy. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Timothy Baker '01 and Jeanie Rhodes on June 25, 2005. Baker is an environmental compliance officer with the City of Wilmington.

Thiane Carter '01 and Antwoine Edwards on Feb. 26, 2005. They reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

Michelle Navarro '01 and Larry Bowman eloped on April 1, 2005, and will officially celebrate their wedding with family and friends on April 1, 2006. They reside in Lakewood, Wash.

Julie Shulenburger '01 and Joey Noblitt on Oct. 8, 2005.

Kristel Wendorf '01 and Brian Lassiter on May 14, 2005. The couple resides in Abilene, Texas.

Caroline Wilkes '01 and Craig Hanemann on July 23, 2005. Caroline is a financial aid advisor at ECPI College of Technology in Raleigh.

Amanda Murphy '02 and Johnny Sanderson Jr. on May 14, 2005. Amanda is a parenting specialist with the Duplin County Partnership for Children. The couple resides in Wallace.

Jay Carraway '02 and **Christy Moody '02** on Oct. 29, 2005.

Gwendolyn Saleeby '02 and **Jonathan Mauney '04** on July 30, 2005.

Brittany Younts '02 and Benjamin Minor on June 18, 2005.

Lindsay Lewis '03 and **Stephan Caldwell '03** on July 9, 2005. Lindsay graduated from the University of Georgia in May 2005 with a Master of Social Work degree and is a family therapist. Stephan, who graduated from The Creative Circus in Atlanta in July, is a junior art director with Rockett, Burkhead and Winslow in Raleigh.

Caldwell

Laurie Keith '03 and Justin Matthews on Aug. 6, 2005.

Katherine Kersey '03 and Andrew Ward on June 11, 2005.

Kristi Lee '03 and William Best on July 30, 2005.

Nicole Marschhauser '03 and **Les Stewart '02** on Oct. 8, 2005. The couple lives in Raleigh.

Alysa Fogleman '04 and Harry Amato on July 23, 2005.

Holly Shackelford '04 and **Brian Wessmiller '04** on May 21, 2005.

Clinton Taylor '04 of Morehead City and **Lisa Marie Dean '04** on Sept. 10, 2005.

Alison Arrington '05 and John Marshall IV on Sept. 27, 2005.

Jessica Burleson '05 and Clent Stevens on Aug. 13, 2005. They reside in Albemarle.

Births

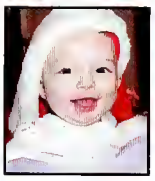
To **Angela Walker Warder '82** and her husband Daryl, a daughter, Rachel Marie, on Feb. 19, 2005.

To **Mathew Shanklin '88** and his wife Missy, a daughter, Barbara Blake, on Jan. 19, 2005. Mathew is assistant athletic director for marketing and licensing with the University of Arkansas.

To **Cathryn Lancaster Helms '92** of Fayetteville and her husband David, a son, David P. Jr., on Sept. 1, 2005

To **Ursula Duty Hevner '93** and her husband Randy, a daughter, Reagan McKenzie, on March 16, 2005. A seventh grade language arts teacher, Ursula was named the 2005 Uwharrie Middle School Distinguished Educator.

To **Scott Tierney '93** and his wife Heide, a son, Camren Frances, on April 29, 2005. Scott is the athletics coordinator at Palos Heights Recreation Center in Tinley Park, Ill.



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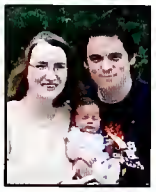
To **Max Westland '93** and his wife Amber, a daughter, Zara Phillipa Gunn, on June 6, 2005. Max is a naval intelligence officer in Washington, D.C.



Hartis

To **Patrick '94** and **Mary Kelly Burleson Hartis '96**, a son, Grady Alexander, on May 23, 2005.

To **Moira Shortell Post '94** and her husband Daniel, a son, Cian Daniel, on Nov. 18, 2005. Moira is a nurse anesthetist at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

To **Kevin Nutt '95** and his wife Ruth, daughter, Gracen, on April 5, 2005. Kevin is an antivirus lab analyst for ICSA Labs in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

To **Brad S. '95** and **Dana Gore Keefer '95**, a daughter, Madison Renee, on June 4, 2004. Brad is employed by Cisco Systems, and Dana is a full-time homemaker and home schools their son, Joel

To **Stephanie Day Banton '96** and her husband Richard, a daughter, Maya Virginia, on Oct. 2, 2005.

To **Lisa Fogleman Erisman '96** and her husband William, a daughter, Stephanie, on Aug. 26, 2005.

To **Mark '02** and **Stefanie Renzaglia Neal '96**, a son, Logan Tyler, on July 13, 2005.

To **Kyle Sykes '96, '98M** and his wife Lori, a daughter, Charlotte Paige, on May 13, 2005

To **Lisa Eller Taylor '96** and her husband M. Scott, a son, Jacob Howard, on April 21, 2005.

To **Laurie Price Dudash '96** and her husband Jeff, a daughter, Emily Victoria, on Nov. 4, 2005. The couple lives in Durham

To **Andrea Cooper Hogg '97** and her husband Jason, a daughter, Cooper Macie, on July 30, 2005

To **Chris '89** and **Holly Hill Cogan '97**, twin girls, Devyn Suzanne and Riley Hannah, on April 22, 2005. Chris is director of sales and Holly is merchandising and marketing with Four Seasons Furniture. They reside in Archdale.

To **Laura Stevenson Emmons '97** and her husband Gary, a son, Elijah Ramey on Sept. 19, 2005

To **Heather Whittington Curley '98** and her husband Charles, twin sons, Mason George and Camden Armfield on Dec. 7, 2004 They reside in Casselberry, Fla

To **Douglas '97** and **Leigh Butler Shanks '98**, a son, Grant McDowell, on Feb. 26, 2005.

To **Karen Shokes '97** and her husband Brad, a daughter, Emma Katherine, on March 26, 2005.

To **Scott '98** and **Shannon Corbin Mickle '98**, a son, Corbin Scott, on Sept. 22, 2005. Scott has started AEC Marketing Solutions in Charlotte, a company that partners professional service firms in the design and construction industry to maximize their marketing and business development investments.

Hernandez

To **Matthew '98** and **Heather Lankford Whitt '02M**, a son, Mason Cole, on July 20, 2005 Matthew is a business analyst with Glaxo Smith Kline, and Heather is a teacher in Wake County.

To **Jennifer Davis Hall '99** and her husband Deric, a daughter, Macie Caroline, on April 18, 2005 Jennifer is a kindergarten teacher in Davidson County

To **Amanda Hodges Bunce '99** and her husband Daniel, a daughter, Emily Morgan on Nov 11, 2005.

To **Pamela Casen Reynolds '99** and her husband Ryan, a daughter, Meredith, on June 24, 2005. Pam received her juris doctorate from the University of Richmond in May 2005.

To **Michelle Davis Williams '99** and her husband Christian, a son, Ryan Brooks, on March 27, 2005.

To **Stephanie Wolfle '99** and her husband James, a daughter, Abigail Elaine, on Aug. 15, 2005.

To **Peter '01** and **Jaime Pyle Wolsfelt '99**, a son, Peter Chapman, on Sept 3, 2005

To **Jeffery '00** and **Janice Hernandez '00**, a daughter, Novara Francesca, on Oct 12, 2005. She joins Karabella Rose, 5, and Deneb Ramon, 2. Jeff is a nuclear operator with Progress Energy and a real estate/investor with Venova Properties. Janice is a stay-at-home mom and La Leche League leader applicant. The family lives in Wilmington

To **Joseph '02** and **Julie Ann Burns '01**, a daughter, Joanna Slate, on Aug. 19, 2005.

To **Jason Smith '01** and his wife Brandie, a son, Cole Jason, on June 21, 2005. Jason is an analytical chemist at Ticona in Florence, Ky.

To **Eric '01** and **Amy Upchurch Fales '97**, a daughter, Ella Grace, on Sept. 3, 2005 Eric is assistant vice president for secondary and capital markets with Bank of America, and Amy is an interventional radiology

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physician assistant with Mecklenbury Radiology Associates.

To **Isaiah '02** and **Alexia Jones Hunter '02**, a son, Isaiah E. II, on June 10, 2005. The couple lives in Wilmington.

To **Laura Lett Bruce '03** and her husband Delton, a daughter, Harley Johanna, on Sept. 15, 2005.

To **Stephen '02** and **Emily Howell Hernandez '03**, a son, Stephen Walker Alexander, on July 20, 2005.

To **Lauren Melton '03** and her husband Justin McLendon, a daughter, Shelby Leigh, on June 20. Lauren is a mortgage counselor with Navy Federal Credit Union.

To **Tracey Grisham Boone '04** and her husband Jeff, a daughter, Haley Dawn, on March 5, 2005. They reside in Yakima, Wash

To **Jessica Gottula Schenk '04** and her husband Brendan, a son, Wyatt David, on Sept. 5, 2005

Deaths

Robert C. Farmer '75 died on Nov 29, 2005. After graduating from UNCW, Farmer worked for the N.C. State Water Quality for 28 years. Condolences can be made through www.brownwynne.com

Christopher K. Beaver '87 died June 26, 2005. He had a master of divinity degree from Campbell University and was a professional church musician. A concert was held Nov. 18, 2005, in his memory with proceeds benefiting the Christopher Beaver Memorial Choral Music Scholarship Endowment.

Friends

Samuel D. Bissett, 84, died Nov 14, 2005. After retiring from Peoples Savings and Loan Association, Bissett became an artist. A 60-painting exhibition of his works related to astronomy hangs in UNCW's Dobo Hall.

Thaddeus G. Dankel Jr., 62, died Nov. 10, 2005. Dankel taught mathematics and special topics such as hydrodynamics and ocean circulation for 30 years at UNCW. He retired in 2001, but continued to teach classes until 2004. Dankel was involved in the Wilmington cultural community, working with the Wilmington Concert Association, Wilmington Choral Society and the public radio station WHQR.

Warren W. Gulko, 68, died Aug. 9, 2005. Gulko taught statistics in the Cameron School of Business faculty and served as assistant to the dean.

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Acting on his dreams

After more than a decade of hard work and minor roles, UNC Wilmington alumnus Sam Feuer has achieved his dream – starting his own production company and performing a major role in the Oscar-nominated Stephen Spielberg film *Munich*.

by William Davis '06M

In 1995, Sam Feuer had finished a tour in the Israeli Armed Forces and turned his attention to pursuing his lifelong desire of becoming an actor. While staying with family in North Carolina, he took his first steps toward that ambition in UNCW's Theatre Department. Acting classes under professors and instructors like Renee Vincent and Ed Wagenseller and roles in student plays such as the *The Grapes of Wrath* and *False Admissions* prepared him to audition for film roles in local productions.

"UNCW was a great experience for me. I got to see what it was like to go to an American college, something I always dreamt about and had seen in the movies I saw growing up in Israel," he said.

While attending classes and seeking film work, Feuer also starred in local theater troupes such as the Opera House Theatre Company and Cape Fear Shakespeare. Eventually, though, Feuer said that he had gone as far as he could in Wilmington.

"Time was ticking and although Screen Gems was open to business and there was a lot of production being brought to the area, I felt that a young Israeli American like myself did not have much of a chance to fit certain roles one might expect to find in North Carolina," said Feuer, "so I had to think outside the box and moving to New York City seemed like my next step in life."

Despite leaving UNCW before graduation, Feuer credits his Wilmington teachers as an important part of getting him to where he is today. Wagenseller remembers Feuer as a student who focused on acting, instead of the promise of fame and material gain. While he had seen students with more immediately obvious natural talent, Wagenseller said Feuer, 29, impressed him as someone who had the will to succeed as an actor.

"I just remember how dedicated and how committed he was to acting as a craft," said Wagenseller.

In New York as in Wilmington, Feuer soon felt the time had come to move on – this time to Hollywood. There, he found steady work as an actor and became good friends with the producer who helped finance the Oscar-nominated Hotel Rwanda. The pair founded the Sixth Sense Productions and have teamed with the BBC to film *The First Grader*, a movie about the guerilla war in Kenya. Other projects include *Beyond the Sun* about the Sudanese slave trade and a trilogy of horror films by the creator of the *Friday the 13th* series.

After a decade of striving, Feuer said that he has achieved his dream by playing the role of one of the Olympic athletes murdered by terrorists in *Munich*, a film directed by one of the top directors in the world and nominated for five Academy Awards.

"Do as your heart desires, but do without judgment and believe that you will do it because you can do it. But you have to believe in it 150 percent and there will be people and obstacles along the way trying to push you off track and discourage you ... Be strong," he said.

Sharon Byrdsong

Wendy Miller

Dedicated educators get top honors

by Dana Fischetti and William Davis '06M

Two graduates of the UNCW Watson School of Education have received honors for their dedication to the teaching profession.

Sharon Byrdsong '98M, principal at Azalea Gardens Middle School in Virginia Beach, Va., received the 2006 MetLife/NASSP National Middle School Principal of the Year Award from the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Wendy Miller '87 was awarded North Carolina's Teacher of the Year for 2005-06 by the state's Department of Public Instruction.

Byrdsong began her education career as a high school teacher in North Carolina. In 1996, she became one of 50 teachers in the state that annually receive a state principal's fellowship. Through the program, she entered the Watson School of Education Master of School Administration program and graduated in 1998.

"In my years of teaching, people began seeing things in me that I did not see in myself and encouraged me in the direction of administration," she said.

She became principal of Azalea Gardens six years ago and is credited with the school's academic improvement. Under Byrdsong's leadership, Azalea Gardens Middle School became one of the top schools in the city and earned the title Best Middle School in Norfolk, as well as having the best Standards of Learning test scores in the region for the 2003-04 academic year. She was named Middle School Principal of the Year for Virginia in 2005.

Miller, who teaches K-2 special education at James W. Smith Elementary School in Craven County, uses immersive learning techniques to connect her teaching to the real world. As part of her lessons, her classroom has been transformed into Ancient Egypt, complete with a pyramid, and a rain forest, with a tiki hut and a lagoon filled with fish. Miller is always at the center of the action, in character, leading students in lessons that are playful, imaginative and fun. But most of all they're effective. While the average IQ in her class was 54, every student in the class passed the North Carolina end-of-grade tests. The average reading level for her class was higher than the overall reading level for the entire school, and the discipline rate was one of the lowest in the school.

"I truly believe that all children can excel," Miller said. "My teaching philosophy is based on bringing authentic, real life experiences to children so they can learn through those experiences. I know that if I love learning they will sense that passion in me and it will help stimulate a passion for knowledge in them."

Miller received her bachelor's degree in special education from UNCW in 1987 then went on to earn a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from East Carolina University. She has 18 years of teaching experience, seven in her current position.

She credits a large part of her success as a teacher to the experiences she had as a teacher education student at UNCW. Through small, intense classes in which all students received individual attention, she learned the fundamental beliefs that formed the foundation for her teaching philosophy.

"One of the best things I learned from my UNCW professors is that it's okay to make mistakes as long as you do something about them. Are you fixing them? Are you making the situation better? That's something I have always incorporated into my teaching. I'll think, 'This lesson was pretty good but how can I make it better?' At the end of every lesson I ask my students what went well today and what we need to work on. The students have great insight," said Miller.

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April

1	UNCW Guest Artist Jazz Festival 8 p.m. Warwick Center Ballroom
3	UNCW Wind Symphony and Chamber Winds *
5-9	N.C. Azalea Festival
8	AAGA Meeting Warwick Center, Room 138
8	Stompin' at the Savoy 9 p.m. School of Education
6	UNCW Arts in Action - Spanish Harlem Orchestra *
7	UNCW Jazz Ensembles *
8	Warwick Center AAGA Chapter Meeting
6-9	SRO Theatre – Lysistrata Kenan Hall
11	UNCW Saxophone Ensemble *
11	Triangle Alumni Chapter Meeting Ale House, Raleigh
12-17	Spring Break
14	Good Friday UNCW Offices Closed
18	Charlotte Alumni Chapter Meeting 7 p.m. Hyatt Charlotte
19	Evening of Brass *
20	CSB Alumni Chapter Meeting 7 p.m. Cameron School of Business
22	Triangle Alumni Chapter Durham Bulls Game and Cookout
20-23	SRO Theatre – Lysistrata Kenan Hall
21	Cape Fear Jazz Appreciation Society – Jazz Scholarship Concert *
22	UNCW Spring Concert – Kanye West Trask Coliseum
22	Shakespeare Festival: An Elizabethan Celebration School of Education Atrium
23	Shakespeare Festival * The Carolina Ballet
24	Artist Recital Series * Barry David Salwen, piano, and Sara Westermark, soprano
25	Department of Music Performance Seminar *
26	UNCW Artist Recital Series * Steve Bailey, bass, and Bob Russell, guitar
28	Department of Music Student Recital * Stephen Brand, bass-baritone
29	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra * Domonique Launey, piano
30	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra * Free Family Concert

May

1	Last Day of Classes
1	UNCW Wind Symphony and Chamber Winds *
2	Department of Music Student Honors Recital *
3-6	Final Exams
5	Cape Fear Alumni Chapter Grand Slam Jam, Brooks Field
8-Aug. 2	Paintings by Gail Henderson and Metal Work by Sarah Tector University Union
12	Senior Sankofa School of Education Building
13	Spring Semester Ends
13	Commencement
18	Summer Session I Begins
25	WSE Alumni Chapter meeting WSE Alumni Lounge
24-26	CAA Baseball Tournament Brooks Field
27	California Alumni Socials San Francisco, Los Angeles
29	Memorial Day UNCW Offices Closed

June

3	Atlanta Alumni Chapter Atlanta Braves Baseball Game
6	Charlotte Chapter Event 7 p.m. Ri Ra Irish Pub
9	Triangle Alumni Chapter Inaugural Triangle Golf Tournament Wildwood Greens, Raleigh
11	Cape Fear Alumni Chapter Social 1 p.m. Bluewater Grill, Wrightsville Beach
20-21	Final Exams/ Summer Session I Ends
24	Baltimore/DC Alumni Chapter Meeting Baltimore Orioles Game, Camden Yards
27	Summer Session II Begins

July

4	Independence Day UNCW Offices Closed
28	Final Exams/ Summer Session II Ends

* All starred events held in Kenan Auditorium. Events may require admissions charges or reservations. For tickets and additional information call 910.962.3500 or 800.732.3634.

Seahawk fans fill the air with cheers and the arena with the color teal as the UNCW basketball team takes to the court for its game against George Washington. The Hawks battled the Colonials in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Greensboro March 16. The Hawks lost in overtime 88-85 to the Colonials.

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Michelle Knoll

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Sylvia Watson was Wilmington College's first Homecoming queen in 1950. She is surrounded by her court: Jacqueline Cowan, Jean Cross and Ruth Maultsby. Fifty-six years later, Sylvia Watson Fisher '50 presented flowers to the 2006 Homecoming queen, Adrienne Strain, accompanied by the king, Adam Wade. Sylvia and her husband Herbert Fisher '53 have maintained lifelong connections to their alma mater. They fund a scholarship, and they supported renovation of the Seahawks field house at Brooks Field. Their son Carlton '83 volunteers on the UNCW Foundation Board.

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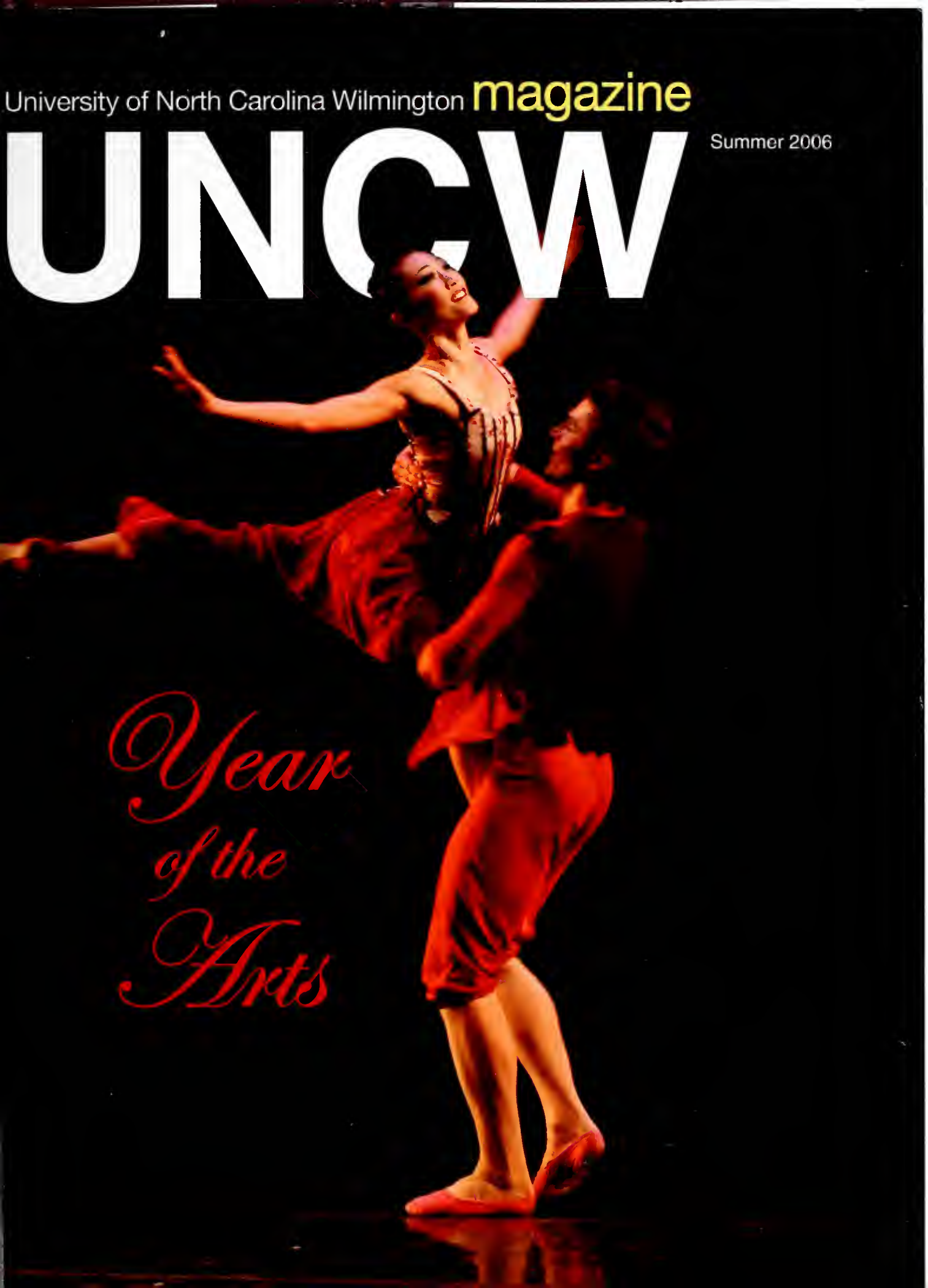


Year of the Arts

Dear

Alumni and Friends,

Let me start by applauding our legislators for their support of higher education, and particularly for their support of UNCW. Our top legislative priority, $27 million for a new School of Nursing building, was funded fully and represents UNCW's largest appropriated capital project ever. This new building will allow us to double the number of graduates from the School of Nursing, thus addressing one of our state's greatest needs, the shortage of nurses. In addition, we are especially grateful to the General Assembly for including enrollment increase funding in the continuation budget and for funding need-based financial aid. Finally, I'm extremely pleased that the legislature recognized the critical need to increase faculty and staff salaries in a meaningful way. After several lean years, the six percent merit pay increase for faculty, a $5 million pool to use for faculty competitiveness and retention, and the five and a half percent increase for staff will enhance recruitment and retention of excellent faculty and staff.

The long-awaited student center was completed this summer, and following the grand opening in August, students are now able to enjoy the many new amenities the building offers. In May came the wonderful news that Wilmington College alumni Herbert '53 and Sylvia Watson Fisher '50 are contributing $2 million to establish an endowed fund to maintain this stunning building and enhance its programs. The building is called the Herbert and Sylvia Fisher Student Center.

With their historic gift, Herb and Sylvia have found a significant way to impact the lives of UNCW students for generations to come. The Fisher Student Center will serve as a symbol of their loyalty to their alma mater, their love for the Wilmington community, and their sincere commitment to helping UNCW provide its students with the most powerful learning experience possible. We cannot thank them enough.

This issue includes a center feature showcasing UNCW's outstanding new Cultural Arts Building, which promises to transform our arts education and enhance our cultural outreach, not only to our campus community, but also to the greater Wilmington community as well. Faculty in art and art history, music and theatre have been eager to move into new classrooms, offices, and an unprecedented array of performance and exhibition spaces. To celebrate the new building, UNCW is offering a year-long line-up of outstanding performances and art exhibits. I hope you will make it a priority to be part of this celebration.

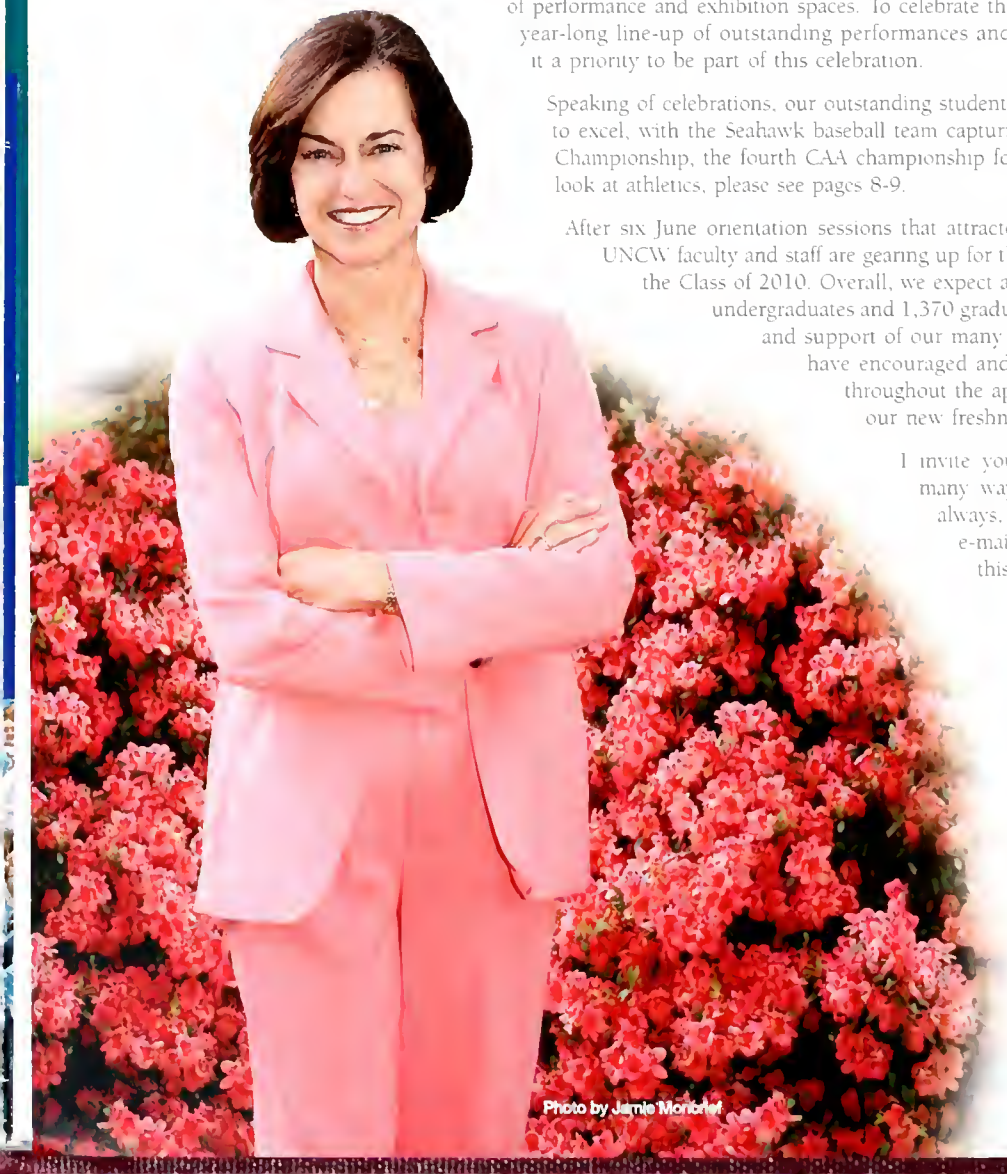
Speaking of celebrations, our outstanding student-athletes and coaching staff continue to excel, with the Seahawk baseball team capturing the Colonial Athletic Association Championship, the fourth CAA championship for UNCW this year! For an in-depth look at athletics, please see pages 8-9.

After six June orientation sessions that attracted some 1,740 incoming freshmen, UNCW faculty and staff are gearing up for the new school year and the arrival of the Class of 2010. Overall, we expect a total student body of about 10,885 undergraduates and 1,370 graduate students. We appreciate the help and support of our many alumni and friends of UNCW who have encouraged and supported many of these students throughout the application process and who welcome our new freshmen during the annual Move-In.

I invite you to visit the campus and see the many ways we are Soaring to Greatness. As always, I encourage your calls, letters and e-mails and appreciate your support for this great university.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor



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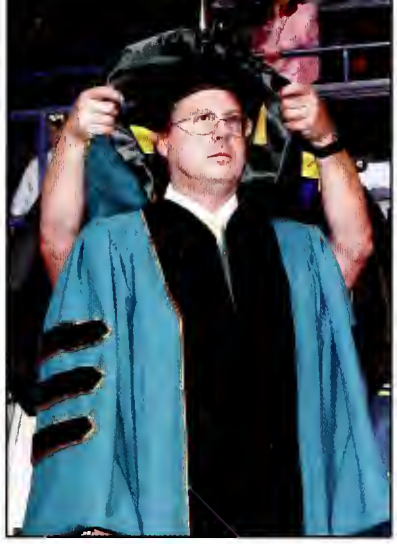

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One of the nation's finest young dance ensembles, the Raleigh-based Carolina Ballet, performed the "Shakespeare Suite" in Kenan Auditorium on the playwright's birthday anniversary. In April, the ballet company announced it will bring its four-week residency program to UNCW beginning in 2007.

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Teacher training a top priority for new UNC system leader

To new UNC president Erskine Bowles, the mission of the university system to educate extends beyond the confines of the campus.

Erskine Bowles, right, delivers his inaugural address in Aycock Auditorium at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as Gov. Mike Easley, seated to the left, listens. Bowles, the 16th president of the University of North Carolina, was inaugurated April 12.

In his April 12 inaugural address, Bowles said that maintaining a strong university system requires keeping North Carolina competitive with the rest of the world. To do that, North Carolina's public universities must focus on improving the state's K-12 system.

"Today's knowledge-based global economy is changing so fast and so radically that, if America and North Carolina don't wake up and get more people better educated, we will become a second-rate power before we know it. And I'm not talking about 50 years from now. I'm talking about in my lifetime," said Bowles.

Bowles plans to make the training of teachers his top priority. In the past year, he said, the state has produced more than 3,900 undergraduates with teaching credentials, but the state needs to hire more than 11,000 teachers annually.

By 2010, Bowles hopes to increase by 60 percent the number of teachers trained by the system. To help attain this goal, UNC Wilmington Watson School of Education Dean Cathy Barlow plans to develop a fast-track degree that would allow a student to graduate in three years with an education degree.

Improving grade school education would serve as one part of a plan to strengthen the ability of North Carolina to compete economically through education. In addition, Bowles said the university system must strengthen the bond between the universities and the community colleges, with both systems offering courses that teach skills needed in the current workplace.

"The skills and knowledge required to get a job, keep a job, and certainly to advance to more senior jobs, now require constant retraining and re-education," said Bowles. "Clearly, old patterns, structures, and approaches that have worked for centuries must be tested, revised, discarded, or enhanced so that they can serve our needs in this rapidly changing global world in which we live."

While the state's universities must be open to restructuring to meet the demands of the new century, Bowles said that does not mean turning away from the system's rich history of research and innovation. To strengthen this tradition and to ensure that the state continues to attract top notch talent, he said the university system must equip them with the facilities, resources and academic freedom necessary for their work.

Bowles succeeded Molly Corbett Broad as president of the 16-campus UNC system in January. To read his inaugural address, go to www.northcarolina.edu.

Students turn their tassels during the 2006 College of Arts and Sciences Commencement held May 13 at Trask Coliseum.

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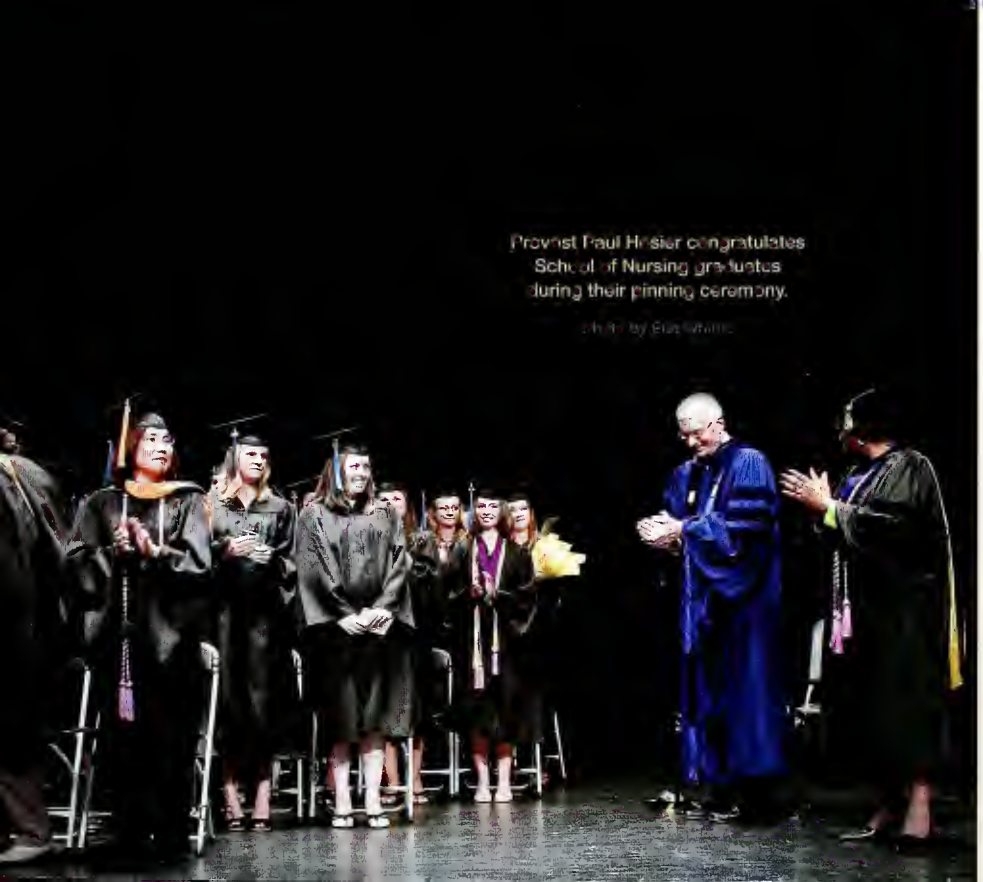

Provost Paul Hosier congratulates School of Nursing graduates during their pinning ceremony.

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Second doctorate in planning stage

UNCW received unanimous approval in April to begin planning its second doctoral degree and hopes to enroll its first students in fall 2007.

The mission of the Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership and Administration is to prepare superintendents and other education leaders to be informed, proactive and reflective agents of change in improving public schools for the benefit of all students, particularly in southeastern North Carolina.

Cathy Barlow, dean of the Watson School of Education, said public school educators in the 10-county region participating in the Professional Development System, were involved in the planning process. "They are so excited about this program coming to UNCW," she said.

"The teacher shortage in North Carolina is fairly extreme, but the administrator shortage is just as extreme. There is a strong demand for superintendents and other educational leaders," said John Fischetti, chair of the UNCW Doctoral Planning Committee. He noted that about a half dozen individuals from each county in the region have expressed an interest in participating in the program.

NCCBI elects DePaolo to board of directors

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo was elected to a four-year term on the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry Board of Directors. She was also asked to serve an unexpired term on the executive committee.

A nonpartisan, nonprofit membership organization, NCCBI is the state's largest and most influential business group. It serves as the state's Chamber of Commerce and is recognized as such by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

As a director, DePaolo will be charged with voting on internal policy issues, including the annual budget, advising the staff and executive committee on public policy issues, serving as an ambassador and acting as the "eyes and ears" for the organization.

The new student center is named in honor of Herbert '53 and Sylvia Watson Fisher '50 who made a gift of $2 million to UNCW. The couple's son, Carlton Fisher, is a 1983 graduate and serves on the UNCW Foundation Board of Directors.

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Razor Walker Awards
honor commitment to youth

For the past 13 years, the UNCW Watson School of Education has presented the Razor Walker Award to individuals and organizations that have positively influenced the lives of the region's children. Recipients are those who have "walked the razor's edge" in public service through art and literature, business, education, law, medicine, philanthropy and public service.

The 2006 recipients are:

DAVID JONES – The former Wilmington mayor has spent years donating his time to philanthropic causes including UNCW, the YMCA, Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home, Boy Scouts of America, United Cerebral Palsy, Southeastern Sickle Cell Anemia, Brigade Boys and Girls Club and many others. A past president of the Seahawk Club and member of the UNCW Board of Visitors, Jones has been instrumental in raising funds for scholarships at the university.

ANGIE WEST '00 and WANDA BASS – Pediatric nurses West and Bass founded Camp Special Time as a weekend getaway for children with special needs. The camp allows the children to enjoy themselves in an environment where their needs are met by volunteers from UNCW, Cape Fear Community College and the U.S. Marine Corps while their parents receive an evening's respite from continuous child care.

2006 Razor Walker Awards recipients: Angie West and Wanda Bass, seated; Phillip Kirk, Noel Jones, David Jones and Lloyd Hackley, standing, left to right.

STUDENT CENTER NAMED *in honor of Fishers*

UNCW students have a new center for campus life: the Herbert and Sylvia Fisher Student Center.

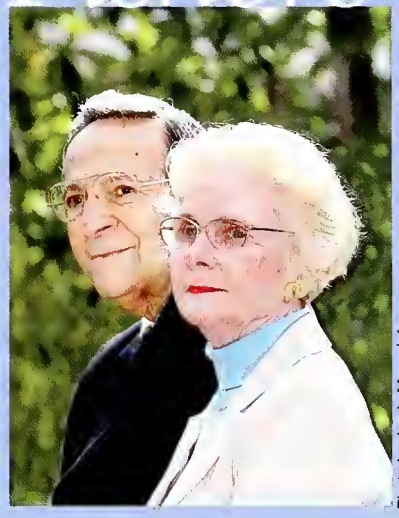
The 70,536-square-foot building opened in August and includes offices, storage and work areas to accommodate more than 160 student organizations, larger spaces for the UNCW Bookstore and Sharky's Game Room, a dramatic water feature sponsored by the Class of 2006, a 350-seat movie theatre and the Varsity Café, a dining area that pays tribute to donors Herbert '53 and Sylvia Watson Fisher '50.

They owned the original Varsity, the unofficial student center for Wilmington College students until the 1960s. The new Varsity Café will feature photos and memorabilia from the original grill.

The Fishers were honored in May when the student center addition to the University Union was named for them. The lifelong Wilmington residents established a $2 million endowed fund to maintain the center and enhance its programs. Their contribution is the largest outright gift from individual donors in UNCW history.

"We are honored to help the students at UNCW," said Herb Fisher '53, founder of Coastal Realty. "The Wilmington community has been very good to us, and this is a way we can return some of those good deeds."

"It's a very beautiful, very impressive building. It is very well-planned. It will have good light with all of the windows and a nice patio where the students can be outside and still be under a roof," Fisher said. "This is a place where the students can all meet to eat and lounge and play games in the game room and visit with their friends. It is important to have a student center."



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Herbert '53 and Sylvia Watson Fisher '50

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LLOYD V. HACKLEY – A nationally recognized figure in character education, Hackley is chancellor emeritus of Fayetteville State University, former president of the N.C. Community College System, chairman emeritus of the National CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition and a member of the Josephson Institute of Ethics Board of Governors. He now volunteers full-time with CHARACTER COUNTS! as a nationally certified ethics and character development instructor, and was recently named interim chancellor at N.C. A&T.

NOEL K. JONES – A teacher-educator with the Watson School of Education, Jones developed literacy programs for public schools and universities. He directed the implementation of Reading Recovery for 30 school sites in North Carolina and Virginia and developed the Southeastern Regional Reading Recovery Conference, which began in 1994 with 400 participants and grew to 1,600 in 2005.

PHILLIP J. KIRK JR. – For 16 years, Kirk served as president of the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, which led the effort to pass one of the largest educational bond referendums in the state's history. His work with the organization led the business community to consistently support educational efforts throughout his tenure.

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As a UNCW-TV film crew waits in the background, actor Louis Gossett Jr. takes a moment to greet members of the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Johnson near Jacksonville. Gossett is the narrator for a documentary on the nation's first African-American Marines, written and directed by Melton McLaurin, UNCW professor emeritus of history.

ACTOR Louis Gossett JR.

This historic photo shows Montford Point Marines training at Camp Johnson in Jacksonville; most saw action in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. Their story is documented at the museum.

UNCW summer home to Carolina Ballet

Beginning July 2007, UNCW will be the summer home for the Carolina Ballet. Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo called this development "an extraordinary milestone in the life of this university."

The partnership will bring many of the finest young dancers from around the nation to Wilmington to work with the seasoned professional dancers and choreographers of the Raleigh-based Carolina Ballet in an ongoing four-week residency program.

In a few short years, the Carolina Ballet has established itself as a world-class American ballet company and was recently hailed in *The Wall Street Journal* as one of America's top arts organizations. Artistic Director Robert Weiss was a principal dancer for the New York City Ballet for 16 years and is internationally recognized for his creative and energetic choreography.

Because Louis Gossett Jr. feels it's important to tell the untold stories documenting the history of African-Americans, he agreed to narrate a film written and directed by UNCW professor emeritus of history Melton McLaurin about the Montford Point Marines.

ASSISTS WITH UNCW DOCUMENTARY

UNCW-TV filmed the Academy Award-winning actor in April at Camp Johnson in Jacksonville. The documentary tells the story of the first African-Americans to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps; they were trained at Montford Point, N.C. between 1942 and 1949.

"Stories like this one, the children don't remember," said Gossett.

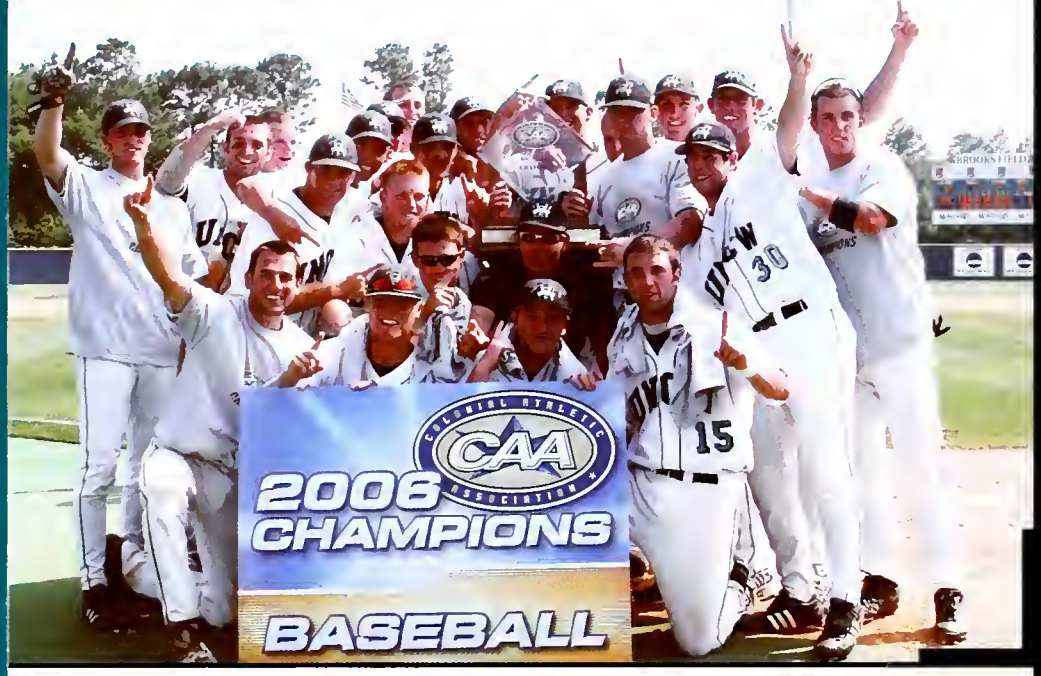
Commenting that while European history is well known, he said the history of African-Americans is often forgotten. He illustrated the point with the film Saving Private Ryan, which neglected the role of black soldiers like his uncles, who were in the infantry under Gen. George Patton.

"It's tunnel vision. It's not fair to show they don't exist," he said. "I feel obligated as a parent and a grandparent to tell a different story."

Clarence Willie, superintendent of schools for Fairfield County, S.C., who also retired from the Marine Corps as a lieutenant colonel, and McLaurin have been working on the Montford Point Marine story since 2001. In 2005, the U.S. Department of Defense provided $500,000 for the development of the Montford Point story as a joint effort between UNCW and South Carolina State University. The documentary is the major piece in this effort.

Dozens of Montford Point Marines were interviewed for the documentary, which the creators hope to air nationally on PBS during the next year. UNCW previewed the work in a private showing for the Montford Point Marines Association at its national convention, held in July at Montford Point.

Carolina Ballet



A SEASON TO REMEMBER

Diamond Hawks earn third trip to NCAAs

The 2006 baseball campaign was a season for the record books as the Seahawks posted their fourth straight 40-win season, won the Colonial Athletic Association title and earned their third berth in the NCAA tournament.

Eleven offensive records were smashed as the high-powered Seahawks paced the nation in scoring for several weeks, a first in the history of the program. UNCW slammed a program-best 80 home runs as four Seahawks reached double digits led by senior third baseman and first-team All-CAA selection Matt Poulk's 14 round trippers.

While the Seahawks were able to ride the long ball, the lineup also pounded out 156 doubles, besting the previous mark of 140 set in 2005. Senior outfielder John Raynor stole a single season-record 42 bases as the Seahawks swiped 133 bases.

With a school-record 42 wins, the Seahawks became the first team in the history of the CAA to record four consecutive seasons of at least 40 wins. UNCW is one of just 11 schools to win 40 games in each of the last four seasons, joining national powers Rice, Florida State, Georgia Tech, UNC Chapel Hill, Texas and Cal State Fullerton in that category.

The Seahawks fashioned a 6-2 mark against members of the Atlantic Coast Conference, recording wins over Wake Forest and Duke (both twice), as well as a 5-3 victory against then nationally-ranked NC State before a home season high attendance of more than 2,700 fans.

In the final CAA championship game against VCU, the Seahawks spotted the Rams an early 6-1 lead, but the Seahawks again summoned a little Brooks Field magic with three runs in the fifth. UNCW then completed the comeback when Chris Hatcher delivered a game-winning two-run triple in the bottom of the ninth, setting off a wild celebration at Brooks Field.

The Seahawks dropped the NCAA regional opener to Winthrop, but staved off elimination with a 21-19 win over Maine. The 40 runs were the second most in the history of the NCAA Tournament. The magic ran out the next day, however, as UNCW was unable to hold a 3-2 lead in the ninth against Winthrop in a 7-3 loss to the Eagles. Sophomore outfielder Jason Appel earned All-Regional honors by hitting an even .500 (8 for 16) in the post-season event.

The program achieved another high water mark in June when six Seahawks were selected in Major League Baseball's First-Year Player draft. Hatcher, the CAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player, was tabbed in the fifth-round by the Florida Marlins. Raynor, who was selected in the 12th round in 2005 by the Baltimore Orioles, was selected by the Marlins in the ninth round. Rounding out the UNCW draftees were senior reliever Adam Paul (19th round, San Francisco), senior pitcher Thomas Benton (29th, Cleveland), senior third baseman Matt Poulk (41st, Milwaukee) and junior first baseman Jonathan Batts (49th, San Francisco).

Moss named basketball coach

Benny Moss, a veteran assistant coach who has been a proven winner at four different institutions and most recently at UNC Charlotte, was named the seventh men's basketball coach in UNC Wilmington history on April 20.

Moss, 36, follows in the footsteps of Brad Brownell, who stepped down following a four-year run at the helm of the program. Moss served six seasons as the top aide for Bobby Lutz at UNCC, where the 49ers compiled a 114-69 record during his stay.

"Benny has an excellent basketball pedigree," said Mike Capaccio, UNCW's athletic director. "He has been successful at every level he's coached, and with his excellent regional and national ties, we are confident that he will be successful here."

"I'm thankful for this opportunity, and I'm ready to get started," said Moss. "I appreciate the confidence that Chancellor (Rosemary) DePaolo, Director of Athletics Mike Capaccio and the search committee have shown in me. I want to continue to carry on the positive things that are associated with UNCW basketball, build on the tradition here and take the program to the next level."

Benny Moss

Seahawk swimmers dominate CAA meet

Putting the finishing touches on a strong dual meet season, UNCW swimming and diving teams overwhelmed the competition by sweeping the CAA men's and women's championships for the first time in school history.

Coach Dave Allen's teams racked up nine individual titles, seven relay crowns and came back to the Port City with 31 medals overall. The performance also included nine school records and one meet record at George Mason's Jim McKay Natatorium.

"The first words that come to my mind are total domination and outstanding," said Allen, who concluded his 29th season by being named CAA Men's and Women's Coach of the Year. He has now been named the CAA's top men's coach four times and the league's premier women's coach five times. In addition, diving coach Marc Ellington was named Men's Diving Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Overall, the men captured 11 gold medals, six silver and two bronze to keep their dynasty intact. Adam Brenneman led the way, capturing three individual events and swimming legs on four first-place relays. His 100 Freestyle swim snapped Dan Gallagher's '02 school record, meet record and CAA record.

Diver Dean Berman swept the one-meter and three-meter boards, earning CAA Diver of the Meet for the second consecutive year.

Raynor makes statement on national stage

Junior track and field standout Anna Raynor added another accolade to her growing resume by finishing fourth in the javelin and securing All-America honors for the second consecutive season at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, Calif. Raynor finished fourth with a throw of 175-05 feet.

In the CAA Championships, she successfully defended her title and broke her own meet record with a throw of 170-01. She captured her second straight ECAC Championship at 179-02.

Raynor punched her second straight ticket to the NCAA Championships with a throw of 168-00 at the NCAA East Regionals in Greensboro. She automatically qualified for the final round on her first toss of the event.

Jarman qualifies for U.S. Women's Open

Former UNC Wilmington golf standout Michelle Jarman '06 qualified for the 2006 U.S. Women's Open Championship, shooting back-to-back 74's in sectional qualifying outside Baltimore, Md.

It was a fitting cap to a remarkable career for Jarman, who is the most decorated golfer in the program's history. She won four tournaments from 2003-06 and recorded a school-best 76.46 stroke average in 40 starts. In addition, she was named the CAA's 2004-05 Female Scholar Athlete of the Year and shared the Mosley Award as the school's top student-athlete in 2005-06.

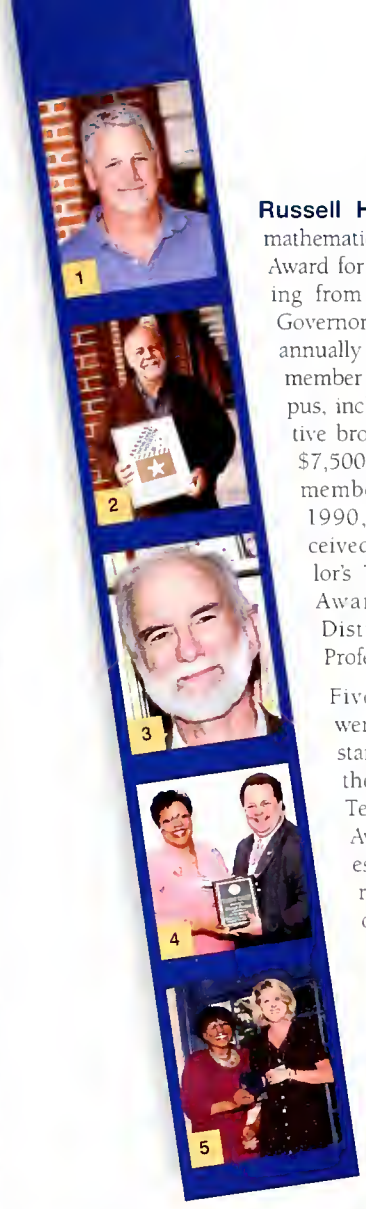
Jarman became UNCW's first qualifier for the U.S. Open by shooting a 2-over-par 74 at the Green Spring Valley/Hunt Club course and following a 35-minute break, carding another 74 at Woodholme Country Club.

Jarman played in the sectional qualifying with Annika Sorenstam's sister, Charlotta, and conquered a challenging terrain in her third try at qualifying for the prestigious event. She competed in the 61st annual event June 29-July 2 at Newport Country Club in Newport, R.I.

By qualifying for the Open, Jarman also gained an exemption to the U.S. Women's Amateur in Oregon.

The women's and men's swimming and diving teams overwhelmed the competition by sweeping the Colonial Athletic Association championships for the first time in school history. "Our athletes performed at such a high level," Coach Dave Allen said. "They never allowed themselves to get distracted. Their total focus was on a mission to win."

Michelle Jarman



faculty staff

Russell Herman, professor of mathematics, received the 2006 Award for Excellence in Teaching from the UNC Board of Governors. The award, given annually to a tenured faculty member from each UNC campus, includes a commemorative bronze medallion and a $7,500 cash prize. A faculty member at UNCW since 1990, Herman also received the 2005 Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award and the 2005 Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award.

Five faculty members were recognized as outstanding teachers with the 2006 Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award. The award was established in 1991 to recognize all aspects of excellence in teaching and teaching-related activities that foster students' desire for lifetime learning and success. Each recipient received a $1,500 stipend and medallion. The recipients are: **Herbert Berg**, associate professor of philosophy and religion; **Tracy Hargrove**, associate professor of curricular studies; **Thomas Janicki**, associate professor of information systems and operations management; **Gabriel Lugo**, associate professor of mathematics and statistics; **Richard Olsen Jr.**, associate professor of communication studies.

La Vida No Es Facil (Life Is Not Easy), a documentary by **Maurice Martinez**, received an international premiere at the 50th anniversary conference of the Comparative and International Education Society held in March in Honolulu, Hawaii. The film examines the question: Should undocumented immigrants be eligible for in-state tuition at North Carolina's public universities? Martinez is professor of specialty studies in the Watson School of Education.

Richard Satterlie, professor of biology and marine biology, had his debut novel published in July by Whiskey Creek Press. *Phoenix* is a historical novel set in the late 1800s in the American West. His short story "The Stick" will also be published by Whiskey Creek Press in October. Four of his poems were published in *Andwerve Literary Journal*, an online publication.

The Lady and the Outlaw Horse, a film by **Lou Buttino**, chair of the Department of Film Studies, was named Best Biographical Documentary by the West Coast edition of the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival (NYIIFVF). The film was also selected for screening at NYIIFVF's East Coast festival edition in May and received the Special Jury Remi Award at the WorldFest Houston International Film Festival.

Robert Toplin, professor of history, offers an appraisal of Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* documentary and the furor surrounding it in his new book, *Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 9/11: How One Film Divided a Nation*, published by University Press of Kansas. Toplin examines the development of Moore's ideas and the evolution of his filmmaking, then dissects the film and explores the many claims and disagreements about the movie's truthfulness.

Cheryl Sutton, coordinator of the Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), was named Leadership Wilmington Alumna of the Year. Leadership Wilmington, a joint effort of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and UNCW, aims to educate, challenge and motivate leaders and future leaders to utilize their leadership skills for the betterment of the community.

John Bennett, professor in the Department of Health and Applied Human Sciences, was named national president-elect of the Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in April. He is the second North Carolinian to serve in this position in over 100 years of this association's history.

Two university administrators are returning to the classroom. **Robert Tyndall**, vice chancellor for information technology and associate provost, is stepping down to serve as a professor in the Watson School of Education, where he served as dean in the 1990s.

After 14 years in administration, **Denis Carter** has stepped down as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs to return to the faculty of the Department of Economics and Finance in the Cameron School of Business.

1. Richard Satterlie
2. Lou Buttino
3. Robert Toplin
4. Cheryl Sutton received the Alumna of the Year Award from Bo Dean, chair of Leadership Wilmington.
5. Dean Virginia Adams presents the Outstanding Faculty of the Year for the School of Nursing to Diana Topjian at the annual Nurses' Day Celebration held at UNCW May 11.

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David Meyer, recipient of the first doctorate awarded at UNCW, is congratulated by Martin Posey and Robert Roer.

MEYER'S LOVE OF THE SEA LEADS TO FIRST Ph.D.

by Steven Nelson '06

Raised on a farm more than a thousand miles from the nearest ocean, Dave Meyer learned to love the sea through his television.

As a child, he watched Jacques Cousteau's underwater documentaries on TV every Friday night, which intrigued him and got him interested in working on the water. Before long, he began to think about becoming a marine scientist.

"I didn't want to be a banker, farmer or lawyer like the rest of my friends and relatives," Meyer said.

In 1979, Meyer followed his dream and transferred from North Dakota State to UNC Wilmington. He came to UNCW based on luck; he happened to be here at the right time and place to live his dream.

He received his undergraduate and master's degrees in marine biology from UNCW in 1982 and 1988, respectively. Now, at 47 years of age, Meyer holds the distinction of earning the university's first doctorate in marine biology.

Ann Pabst, graduate coordinator for biology and marine biology, interacted with Meyer in several of the core Ph.D. courses and found him to be an exemplary student and a "superb emissary" for the university.

"He is very professional as a student and as a scientist and is an excellent example of the high quality of students in our program," Pabst said.

Meyer, who is employed full-time as a research fisheries biologist with the Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat in Beaufort, said his research and work could not have been done without the support of his family: his wife, Toni and two daughters, Katlin, 15, and Jamie, 17.

He believes UNCW has a top-notch marine biology program and is wonderful for graduate work because of the caliber of the professors. He said the university has been nice enough to provide him with office space and a good atmosphere to learn and expand his research.

"The department's students, staff and professors are a very helpful support system," Meyer said.

Robert Roer, dean of the Graduate School, commended Meyer on his dedication to the program. "It is very hard to conduct and complete research when working full-time," Roer said. "Dave's time management had to be outstanding."

Biology and marine biology department chair Martin Posey, who served as Meyer's academic advisor, said, "Dave would spend long hours with his research and job responsibilities, and still had time to help other students. He is independent, knowledgeable and very enthusiastic about his work. He has set the standards for the program and other students."

Meyer plans to publish sections of his dissertation titled "A comparison of nekton utilization of smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*) marsh based on marsh size and degree of isolation from like habitat: Do size and site location matter?" and to continue working on several research projects involving marsh wetlands.

"Any gauge to the success of a graduate program is placement of students and successfully publishing their research," Roer pointed out.

This year, Meyer is working with a $500 million project at Poplar Island in Maryland, restoring and creating salt marshes, spreading over 1,200 acres. Over the last 10 years he has been the principal investigator for over $1 million in research grants.

"I don't consider my job work, I love what I do, and I am the luckiest man in the world, because over the last 20 years I have never really had to go to work," Meyer said.

UNCW is the only school in the 16-university school system and one of only three on the East Coast to offer a doctoral degree in marine biology. It is the culmination of a 30-year investment by UNCW in marine biology as the premier academic program on the campus. The major emphasis of this program is to provide doctoral training in the areas that encompass modern marine biology, focusing on coastal and estuarine biology, crustacean biology, marine mammalogy, molecular biology and systematics of marine organisms. Ten other students are on track to follow in Dave Meyer's footsteps.

Steve Nelson, a 2006 communication studies graduate, was an intern in the UNCW Office of University Relations.

Clinical Cultural Immersion

UNCW NURSES PREPARE TO BE GLOBAL CITIZENS

With endless professional opportunities available around the world and increasing numbers of immigrant patients in the U.S., it is critical that nursing students are educated to provide quality health care to diverse populations.

In March, 10 UNCW nursing students completed their clinical practicum in Arequipa, Peru, where they spent three weeks providing the residents, particularly children and the elderly, with health assessments, direct care and health education.

Through its partnership with a mission in Arequipa, the School of Nursing plans to send a group of students to live, learn and serve in Peru each spring semester. With more than half of its residents living in poverty, the South American country has a great need for volunteer health care providers.

"One of our goals is to integrate opportunities into the curriculum that enhance global understanding for all students and faculty," said Dean Virginia Adams. "We want them to develop the skills and sensitivity to be culturally competent professional nurses."

In addition to providing services at the mission's clinic and day care, the nursing students were integrated into the local community, visiting homes, attending church and participating in cultural festivals.

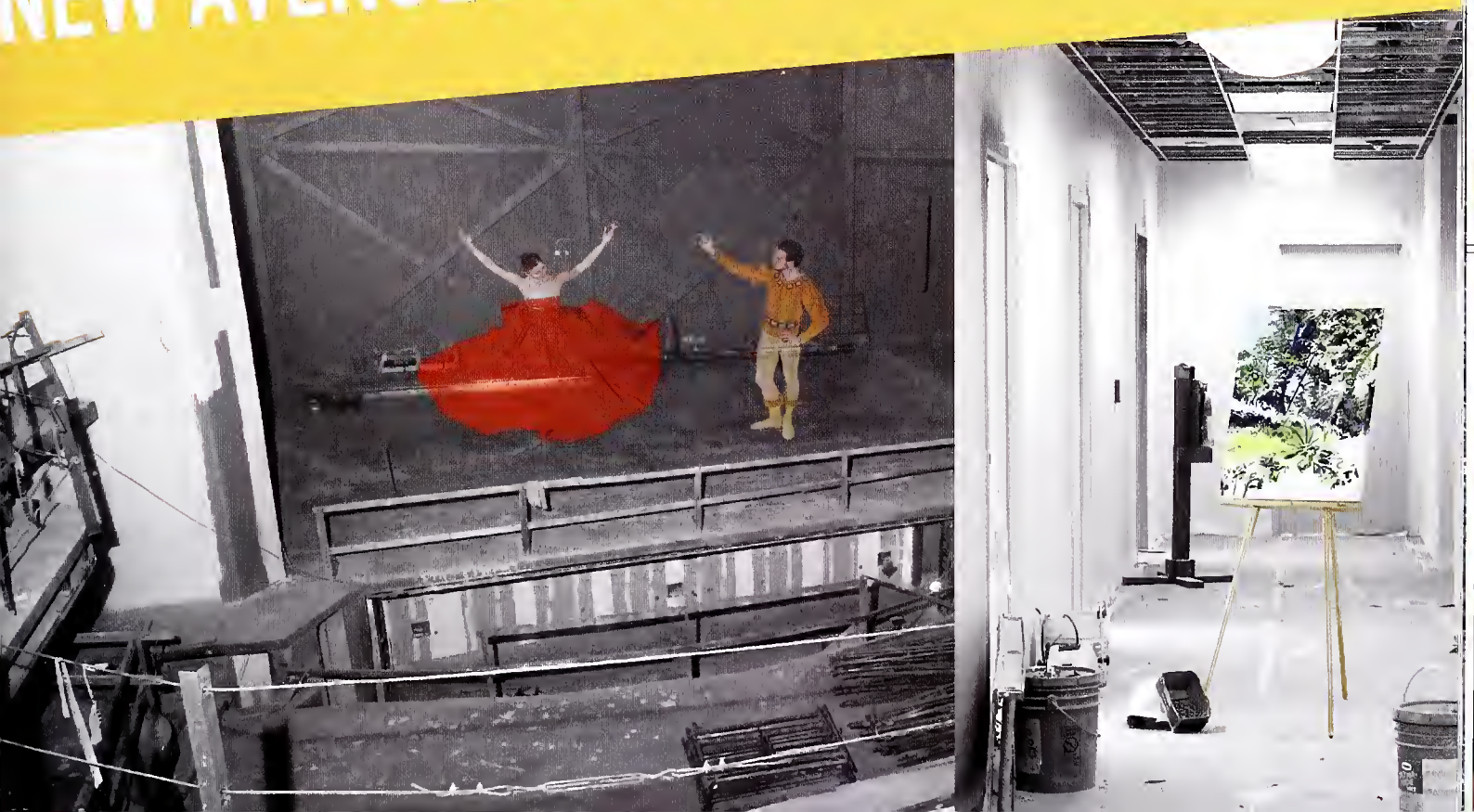
"There's no better way to learn something than to actually go there and experience it for yourself," said Jenna Brown '06, who was a senior during the trip. "The School of Nursing gave me a great opportunity to do that."

Erin Holland listens to a child's heart in the mission's day care facility as UNCW nursing students visited Peru.

Above: Jenna Brown '06 measures a child's height during health assessments.

A CENTER FOR CREATING CONNECTIONS

NEW AVENUES OF ACCESS TO THE ARTS



NEW SPACES FOR THE ARTS

CONNECT FACULTY, STUDENTS, COMMUNITY

With the completion of the new Cultural Arts Building, students and faculty from the visual and performing arts feel as if they have – at last – found the Promised Land, a home for learning and performing that meets the needs of faculty and students and connects the campus to community in one inspiring space.

"Immediately, our theatre program can become very competitive, making it easier to recruit the most talented students," said Theatre Program Director Paul Castagno.

The chair of the Department of Music, Frank Bongiorno, can't wait to move in. "The new facilities are going to open up a lot of exciting possibilities in the way we practice, perform and study music."

"It is the first building on the UNCW campus with spaces designed specifically for the visual arts," said Department of Art and Art History Chair Don Furst.

In a state-of-the-art 295-seat Proscenium Theatre, equipped with the latest technology, theatre students can expect hands-on training and experience using the most advanced equipment and systems — audiences can expect spectacular performances. There is also a 125-seat Black Box Theatre for experimental works.

"This facility is top notch," Castagno said, "at par with any in the state."

A 281-seat Recital Hall co-anchors the performance wing of the building with the Proscenium Theatre. The crown jewel of the Department of Music, the hall's raised stage acts like an acoustical "shell" directing sound toward the audience. For sound control, the coffered ceiling and walls are angled; for visibility, a sloped floor, with cushioned seats, rises gradually from the performance stage. The result: there is not a bad seat in the house.

For the first time, a dedicated, enclosed art gallery can offer traveling museum exhibits and solo exhibits by contemporary artists. A beautiful full-glass wall allows passersby to view the new, secure art gallery from the public concourse.

Providing new avenues of access to the arts, funds for the $33.5 million dollar project came from a construction bond ratified by North Carolina voters. Workers broke ground on the 106,860 square foot building in October 2004 and construction is scheduled for completion fall 2006. Academic spaces will be ready for the opening of classes in August.

by Kim Proukou '06M
William Davis '06M, contributor

Above, from left to right
Lobby and public concourse in the performance wing

Recital Hall for the Department of Music

View of the Proscenium Theatre looking outward toward the audience

Second floor Painting Studio in the academic wing

Workers prepare the Art and Art History Lecture Hall, in the academic wing, for student and public lectures

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Top: The Instrumental Rehearsal Room
Bottom left: Proscenium Theatre stage
Bottom right: Cross corridor outside the Drawing Studio

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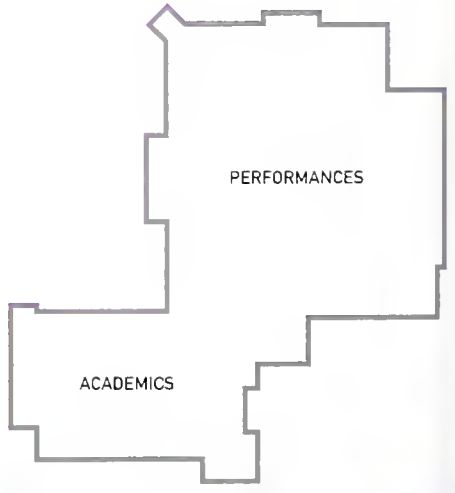

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The Transforming Power of the Arts

by Kim Proukou '06M

At her inaugural address, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo refocused the energies of UNC Wilmington in the direction

of strategic decision-making. Central to the set of strategic goals developed under DePaolo's leadership are the educational values of diverse idea exchanges, global citizenship, outreach, regional engagement and enhancing the quality of life by providing regional access to the university's resources. The arts uphold these goals and values. The arts support creative thinking and problem solving, strengthen K-12 education programs, support the economic base of a community through new revenue development, advance the quality of life in communities and foster pride and inclusion by demonstrating the richness of diverse experiences.

DePaolo believes in the unique potential of the arts. "The arts challenge us to think about our experiences from fresh, divergent perspectives. Because the arts provide a uniquely safe environment for expression and debate, the arts encourage people – of all ages and backgrounds – to engage in conversations that foster understanding and identification with others. The arts inspire leadership and independence, as well as partnerships and collaborations."

DePaolo also believes the arts hold the power to transform. "By reminding us of the regard we, as humans, have for beauty – in the face of even the harshest realities of human existence and struggle – the arts re-energize us. In bringing people and art together, the university can facilitate and participate in the transforming power of the arts."

Photo by Erin Whittle

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo addresses an enthusiastic audience during the 2005 groundbreaking ceremony for the Cultural Arts Building.

ABOUT THE ARCHITECTS

Jenkins–Peer Architects of Charlotte, principal architects, teamed with specialized consultants to create an architecturally pleasing, mechanically functioning, performance-oriented facility. Assisting Jenkins–Peer were the firms of Howard Montgomery Stoger Performance Architecture, New Orleans, La.; BAI Acoustical Design Consultants, Austin, Texas; Robert Long Associates Theatre Consultants, Chapel Hill; and MCLA Theatre Lighting Consultants, Washington, D.C.

YEAR OF THE ARTS

To celebrate the transforming power of the arts, UNCW proclaims the 2006–07 academic year – Year of the Arts.

A year of performances, exhibits, lectures and productions surround three historic events in the cultural life of the university: the debut of the newly renovated Kenan Auditorium on Sept. 21; inauguration of the Cultural Arts Building Jan. 25–27; and the grand finale of the Year of the Arts on July 28, 2007 with the Carolina Ballet premiere performance.

Leading on-campus presenters include UNCW departments and programs of Art and Art History, Creative Writing, Film Studies, Music and Theatre; Division of Public Service and Continuing Studies; UNCW Office of Cultural Arts; and UNCW *Presents*, Division of Student Affairs. See page 19 for a list of highlights from the coming year.

revenue development, advance the quality of life in communities, and foster pride and inclusion by demonstrating the richness of diverse experiences.

FOR months, the only sounds coming from the Cultural Arts Building were the heavy notes of construction – clangs, whirring motors and beeps as steel, wire and concrete shaped new spaces for music performance and practice. Soon those sounds will be replaced with the soaring voices of vocal performance majors, uplifting anthems from brass instrumentalists, jazz rhythms and the nuances of variations on themes from chamber musicians when faculty and students from the Department of Music take possession of the building engineers, architects, designers and construction workers have prepared for them.

The department's prized possession is the 281-seat Recital Hall, which, with the Proscenium Theatre, co-anchors the performance wing. The hall, customized to suit the majority of the department's program needs, supports chamber ensembles, choral performances, small jazz and brass ensembles and student and faculty recitals. Only the Wind Symphony and the larger jazz ensembles will continue to use Kenan Auditorium, where a larger stage can accommodate both their numbers and substantial sound.

"There are many theatres in the region that function as music halls, but nothing like this one that is entirely devoted to and designed for intimate musical performances. In this hall, the sounds the musicians play and hear on stage are exactly the sounds audience members hear in their seats. For both the musician and the audience, that's really quite an exciting musical experience," said Music Department Chair Frank Bongiorno.

His faculty agrees. "An intimate experience is essential to the art of recital," said Nancy King, assistant professor of voice. "Small, more intimate venues give student performers a more profound connection with the audience."

Closer connections between artist and audience have significant academic benefits that Bongiorno values. "Most importantly, the students are afforded experiences that strengthen their educational and professional training. And while the Recital Hall, for example, can be seen as a performance venue – its academic function as a specialized classroom, or if you will, a laboratory for our students is essential to our mission to teach and train music performers and educators of the future. Already the Recital Hall is inviting new relationships with outside presenters and professional artists, creating opportunities for students to play and perform with accomplished professionals."

Rising sophomore Laura Johnston is awed by the beauty and functionality of the Recital Hall. "I'm so excited. I can't wait to perform here," she said. Johnston plays classical saxophone for the Wind Symphony and the Saxophone Quartet.

In addition to the state-of-the-art Recital Hall, three spacious rehearsal rooms, two percussion studios, a piano lab, 15 student practice rooms, two lecture rooms, a recording room, archive room and an editing room enhance the student experience. "Years in the making, this project improves the academic experience for our students, so we're all very anxious to get in there and use the space," Bongiorno said.

Each of the academic and performance spaces was designed with the specific needs of the department in mind. For optimum quality of sound, features such as floating cement floors, extra thick concrete walls, sound curtains, high ceilings, diffusers and sound locks ensure quality acoustics from room to room. For example, a jazz ensemble could be rehearsing the modern jazz sounds of Chick Corea, while less than 20 feet away, in an adjacent space, a choir practices Brahms undisturbed.

New recording, video equipment and built-in microphones provide easy on-site recording and high quality replication for immediate evaluation and assessment of faculty and student work. "A recording is like a mirror for the musician," says faculty member Bob Russell, supervisor of recording services, "the higher the quality of the sound equipment, the clearer the reflection."

For a suggested list of highlights planned for UNCW's Year of the Arts, see page 19. A complete listing of Department of Music events can be found at www.uncw.edu/music.

by Courtney Reilly

"Already the Recital Hall is inviting new relationships with outside presenters and professional artists, creating opportunities for students to play and perform with accomplished professionals."

As the ceremonial shovels struck the ground for the Cultural Arts Building at the spring 2005 groundbreaking ceremony, the often serious face of the chair of the Department of Art and Art History, Donald Furst, broke into an unrestrained ear-to-ear grin. A year later, ready to move-in, Furst, still smiling, describes the Cultural Arts Building as "a dream come true."

For visual arts faculty and students, adequate space is a dream come true. In the three-dimensional and two-dimensional mediums of ceramics, sculpture, drawing, painting, printmaking and graphic design, space will more than double.

The graphic design and drafting classroom specifically suited for foundational classes, gives graphics alone 40 percent more space. Printmaking students have the benefit of a suite of three related rooms that separate etching and light-sensitive processes from the main printing room.

"We now have enough room to teach the students in the way we need to teach," Furst said.

After an absence of six years, UNCW will once again have a dedicated darkroom for teaching photography classes that offers students experience in both traditional silver photography and current digital processes.

Significant upgrades also enhance safety. Ceramics has a state-of-the-art ventilated glaze mixing area. New general room exhaust and strategic hood vents furnish superior ventilation to printmaking, photography and painting rooms; and the welding area is enclosed.

Light is plentiful, flowing freely through window-lined walls on the second floor. Three large studio classrooms, two painting studios and a drawing studio each feature tall, beautiful windows that yield the steady north light favored by artists. A separate wet-painting storage room creates space for additional painting stations in the studios.

"One of the most gratifying benefits we see in the new building is adequate space to accommodate more of the non-traditional students from the community who would like to take a class in drawing or painting," Furst said.

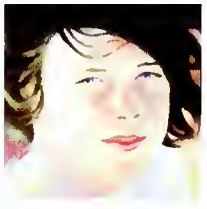
The art history program also benefits from more teaching space. "For the first time, we will have three different room sizes for art history classes. The seminar room is perfectly suited for small, senior-level classes, and the largest of the three lecture rooms gives us improved seating and acoustics to benefit both classroom lectures and public lectures. Equipped with a high-quality projector designed for the proper display of art images, the largest lecture room is an incredible asset for delivering public art history lecture series as well as for other opportunities," Furst said.

Art history instructors will also have a new Digital Image Database Lab for archiving slide images and for scanning and digital preparation of new images. The lab also will be available to other faculty and departments on campus to use for their projects.

On the first floor, in the public concourse, the university's first-ever secure art gallery, with both preparation and storage space, brings traveling museum exhibits and solo exhibits by contemporary artists to campus. In addition to the gallery, the many wall surfaces made of drywall, a classic gallery surface, create an overflow of "gallery space," allowing the building itself to become a canvas upon which to exhibit and display art from hallways to balconies. "The long expanse of wall overlooking the lobby supplies prime display space for two-dimensional art such as prints, drawings, paintings and photographs," Furst said.

by Kim Proukou '06M

"The new secure art gallery, beautiful new teaching classrooms and studio spaces represent a dream come true for the art faculty. With this splendid facility, we can also have big dreams for the future."



ART HISTORY

STUDIO ART

NEW BEGINNINGS

From the inside of the orchestra pit of the Proscenium Theatre to the fly loft rising some 70 feet above him, Theatre Program Director Paul Castagno surveys the future for the newly independent program. It is a future filled with promise and potential.

In the building's state-of-the-art 295-seat Proscenium Theatre, a theatre where actors perform on a raised stage directly in front of the audience, Castagno's zeal creates a contagious excitement. With balcony, full fly space, three control booths and all new equipment, the theatre is fitted with the latest technology. Reflector ceiling panels deliver optimum acoustics to audiences. Rigging technology for performance draperies and drops, sophisticated performance lighting dimmers and a superior sound control system offer students hands-on experience in all aspects of production.

An extensive backstage area includes a new scene shop large enough to allow set designers to construct, design and paint sets. A costume sewing shop, with separate dye vat area and costume storage area, is designed to make it possible for actors to move seamlessly from the costume rooms to each of three fully equipped dressing rooms to the "green room" or to the stage. The "green room," its name originating in the late 1600s – perhaps for the calming nature of the color – was a room adjacent to the stage where Renaissance actors waited for their cues. Today's "green rooms" are no longer necessarily green but still provide actors a sanctuary from which to wait for cues. UNCW's spacious "green room," when not in use for productions, doubles as a student lounge and informal reception area.

And there is more for the theatre program: a 125-seat Black Box Theatre. Many theatre training programs want both a large stage theatre and a black box theatre to offer students a greater variety of artistic opportunities and challenges. While the mainstage permits large extravagant productions, the box theatre creates opportunities for more direct contact with the audience in the most simple setting – perfect for new plays and experimental works.

The Cultural Arts Building will facilitate the development of a theatre program poised to attain new heights. "We are located in a beautiful coastal setting where the arts thrive. The region is home to an active film industry and a growing television market, all of which benefit the theatre arts," Castagno said.

Castagno brings to UNCW an impressive list of accomplishments and credentials from Ohio University where he served as director of the School of Theatre. To lead the program forward, Castagno has set goals and objectives: attaining increased enrollment; building an innovative, interdisciplinary curriculum; adding more applied learning experiences and achieving higher regional and national visibility.

Counting on such star faculty as Associate Professor Renée Vincent, award-wining director for both film and stage, Castagno is focusing on performance education and training as well as dramatic literature and theatre studies. Vincent has performed roles in Warner Bros.' *One Tree Hill* and in the feature film *Factory Girl*, and Vincent's film company, ReneAissance Productions, is listed by Southern Artistry, an adjudicated registry showcasing the "Best in the South." Vincent directed the most successful UNCW theatre production to date, *A Year with Frog and Toad*, in February 2006.

This summer, Castagno initiated the program's first summer camp for youth, ages 9-13. The outreach effort was headed by Kindra Steenerson, a talented professional with 26 years of theatrical experience. "It is extremely important to engage young people in theatre arts," Castagno said. "Summer Theatre Camp provides a positive experience that instills values of self-esteem as well as a relationship with the arts that youth will take with them for life."

Confident in the future, Castagno is focusing on "building our resources and advancing our mission to provide high level education and training in theatre art within the context of a liberal arts environment. Now the Cultural Arts Building provides our faculty and students state-of-art performance venues. The potential is here to be realized."

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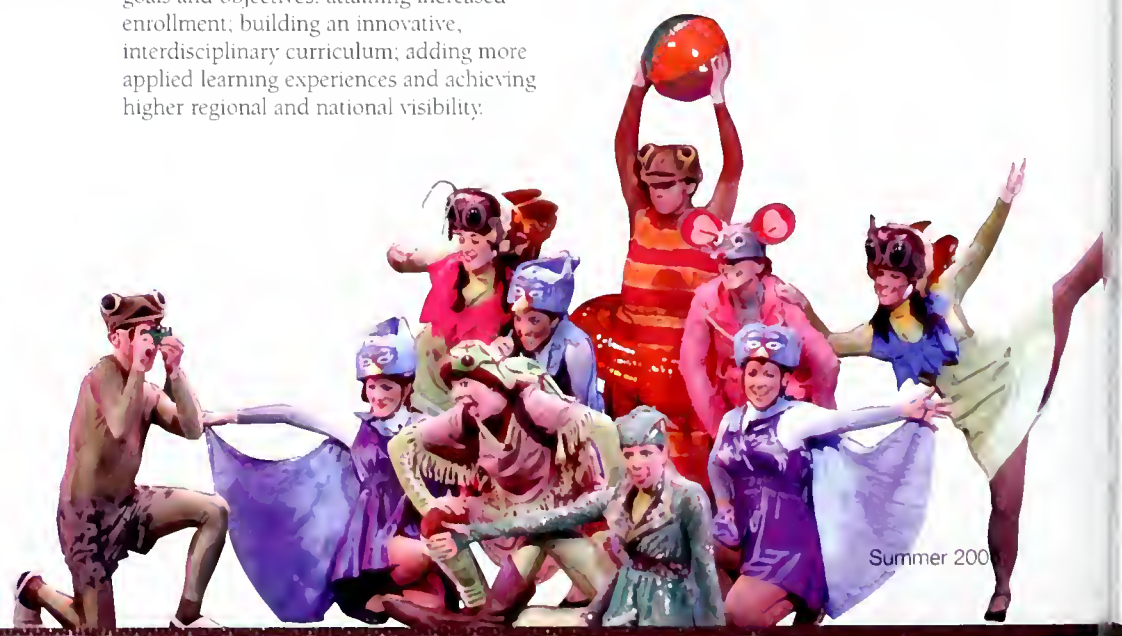

HIGHLIGHTS
OF THE YEAR OF THE ARTS

SEPTEMBER	21	Kenan Auditorium	North Carolina Symphony
	22	Kenan Auditorium	"Mood Indigo: A Tribute to Duke Ellington"
	30	Kenan Auditorium	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra
OCTOBER	2	Kenan Auditorium	UNCW Wind Symphony & Chamber Winds
	5	Kenan Auditorium	UNCW Big Band & Saxtet
	12	Kenan Auditorium	Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, violin
	14	Kenan Auditorium	Los Angeles Guitar Quartet with Luciana Souza
	19	Art Gallery*	Biennial Faculty Exhibit, Opening Reception
	20	Recital Hall*	Music Recital Hall Grand Opening with Atlantean Trio, UNCW Faculty Brass Quintet, UNCW Woodwind Quintet & more
	22	Recital Hall*	Borromeo String Quartet
	27	Kenan Auditorium	Chanticleer
	29	Recital Hall*	UNCW Chamber Singers and Concert Choir
NOVEMBER	1	Recital Hall*	Artist Recital Series: Atlantean Piano Trio
	6	Kenan Auditorium	Carlos Fuentes, speaker "Globalization: A New Deal for a New Age"
	9	Recital Hall*	Oklahoma Brass Quintet
	10	Kenan Auditorium	Tokyo String Quartet
	15–19	Proscenium Theatre*	University production of "Fallen Angels" by Noel Coward
	20	Kenan Auditorium	UNCW Wind Symphony & Chamber Winds
	27–29	Kenan Auditorium	Moscow Ballet: The Nutcracker
	30	Art Gallery*	Ann Flack Boseman Scholarship Exhibit: Jessica Phillips, Opening Reception
DECEMBER	1	Kenan Auditorium	UNCW Big Band & Saxtet
	2–3	Kenan Auditorium	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert
JANUARY	11–31	Art Gallery*	"The Art of Claude Howell"
	17	Kenan Auditorium	Bulgarian State Opera: "Turandot"
	25–27	Cultural Arts Building	Inaugural Celebration of the Cultural Arts Building
	28	Recital Hall*	Ciompi Quartet and Vocal Arts Ensemble
FEBRUARY	8	Recital Hall*	Florian Kitt, cello
	17	Kenan Auditorium	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra: Black History Celebration Joy Murrell & Marva Robinson, soloists
	22–25	Proscenium Theatre*	University production of "Womb of the Moon" original play by Lou Buttino
MARCH	19	Kenan Auditorium	Edward O. Wilson, speaker "The Future of Life"
	30–31	Kenan Auditorium	UNCW Guest Artist Jazz Festival
APRIL	1	Recital Hall*	UNCW Concert Choir: Schütz "St. John Passion" and additional selections by Concert Choir
	14	Kenan Auditorium	Stefon Harris: "African Tarantella...Dances with Duke"
MAY	10	Kenan Auditorium	North Carolina Symphony with Yevgeny Sudbin, piano
JULY	28	Kenan Auditorium	Carolina Ballet

* located in the Cultural Arts Building

Dates and locations are subject to change. For additional information and more events as well as links to arts departments and programs and more arts-related news, visit www.uncw.edu/arts.

In May 2005, UNCW Provost Paul Hosier announced the appointment of Norman Bemelmans to the position of director of cultural arts. The new role includes responsibility for promoting the university's commitment to the cultural arts; securing partnerships and collaborations; and creating opportunities for the university to contribute to the regional advancement of the arts.

Recently, Bemelmans forged one of the most notable creative partnerships undertaken at UNCW. Working with Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo, Bemelmans is credited with establishing the Summer Residency Partnership with the Carolina Ballet. DePaolo announced the partnership along with Artistic Director of the Carolina Ballet Robert Weiss in April 2006, calling the development, "an extraordinary milestone in the life of this university."

UNCW is a perfect partner for the Raleigh-based ballet company. "We couldn't be more pleased," said Carolina Ballet Executive Director Lisa Jones. "The commitment to the cultural arts at UNCW is a perfect match for our hopes to participate actively in an ongoing residency program of a national scope and quality. It's a wonderful opportunity for us."

"Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo truly believes in the life-changing power of the arts, and so it is no coincidence that our university community is imbued with a renewed sense of artistic energy, vitality and achievement."

CULTURAL ARTS

You are invited...

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"The arts remind people of things they can forget, like heroism, selfless devotion to higher things. I have personally experienced the effect of a great performance, a well-delivered line, the sheer power of the thing. From the stage, I've heard weeping and wondered: how is this? The arts, and I mean any of them – acting, film, theatre – yes I love these; but visiting a beautiful painting, too – it's a life-changing effect that art can have on human beings. That is why I believe there is something of the divine in art."

– Pat Hingle, actor of stage and screen, Wilmington resident

"Many experiences of art have given me moments of intense self awareness and, yet, of being 'one among many.' Art has this power; to make us profoundly alive in the present and, simultaneously, bound to those who have gone before us and to those who will come after us in years to follow."

– Ruth Funk, advocate for the arts

"Our faculty and students are eager to make use of their new classrooms, studios, performance and exhibition spaces. Without question the new Cultural Arts Building represents a giant step forward for our academic programs in the arts. But as wonderful as this facility is, it is but the means to a greater goal: to prepare artists and arts educators of the future, to make the arts a vital part of the UNCW experience for all students, and to expand our contribution to the cultural life of the entire community."

– David P. Cordle, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences

"Chancellor DePaolo recognizes the need for sustaining endowments and scholarship funds to build programs and to attract students. This is priority that needs to be tackled now."

– David Robertson, president RPI Media

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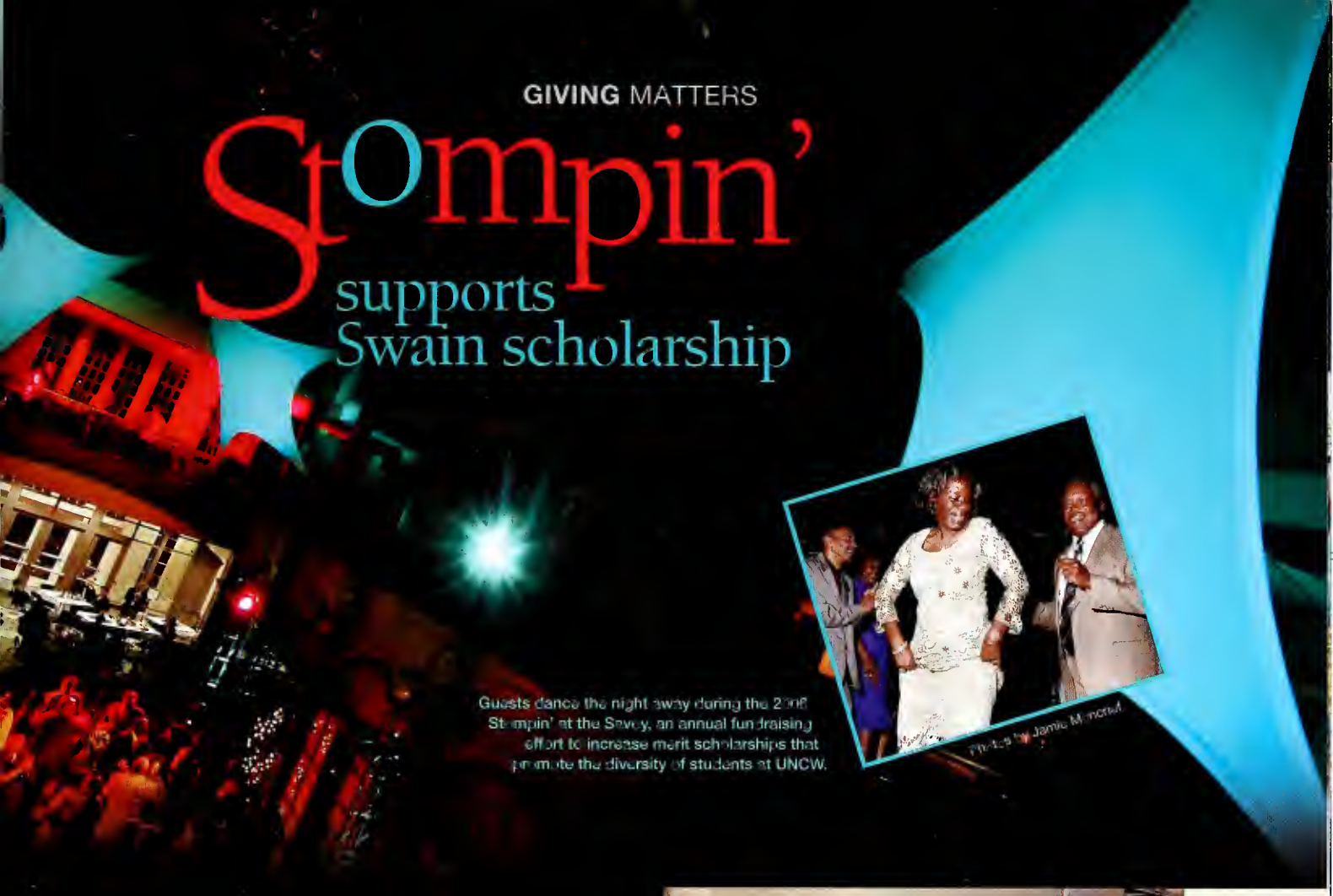

Guests dance the night away during the 2006 Stompin' at the Savoy, an annual fundraising effort to increase merit scholarships that promote the diversity of students at UNCW.

Photos by Jamie Monroe

The seventh annual Stompin' at the Savoy in April raised enough money to establish and endow the Ernest A. Swain Merit Scholarship, initiated by the Omicron Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo cited Swain's "lifetime devotion to education" and said that with the scholarship named for him, "his name will be forever connected to the power of learning."

An advocate for encouraging children to acquire an education, Swain served as principal of James B. Dudley, Peabody and William H. Hooper Elementary schools. A Brunswick County native, he earned a B.A. from Morehouse College and a M.A. from the University of Chicago.

The scholarship will help UNCW attract graduates of New Hanover, Brunswick or Pender County school systems from underserved populations. Eligible students must demonstrate academic ability and the superior qualities and characteristics embodied by Swain through his decades of selfless leadership in the African-American community. In addition, recipients must demonstrate leadership through volunteer community service in the communities where they live.

Surrounded by members of the Omicron Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Ernest A. Swain was honored at Kenan House on March 9 after the creation of a merit scholarship in his name. Speakers included Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo, Trustee Linda Pearce and his fraternity brothers Cedric Dickerson and James Jones.

BLOCK AND RHINE FAMILIES

Dedicated supporters Don and Rebecca Rhine, their daughter Rachel, Don's son Joel and his wife Alice, and their children Michael and Julia were excited to establish the Rhine Family Endowment for Jewish History.

Frank Block, UNCW Board of Visitors member and former UNCW trustee, sits with his mother Hannah at a reception recognizing the family for establishing the Charles and Hannah Block Distinguished Professorship in Jewish History.

support study *of* Jewish history

by Andrea Weaver

A UNCW faculty member's quest to provide students with more knowledge about Jewish history inspired generous donors to create a professorship unique to the university and rare in North Carolina. The Charles and Hannah Block Distinguished Professorship in Jewish History will be housed in the Department of History within the College of Arts and Sciences.

"UNCW is the first university in the state to initiate a professorship dedicated to Jewish history. In North Carolina, there are other professors and entire programs in Jewish studies, but none specifically in Jewish history. This is a very important distinction because teaching Jewish history will necessarily involve placing the Jewish community into a larger, non-Jewish social context," said Mark Spaulding, associate professor of history. "Thus, our students will see the complicated relationships between Jews and non-Jews that have emerged over time."

Spaulding originated the idea for a faculty position devoted to Jewish history after discovering that many freshmen enrolled in his basic history courses knew little about "the contributions that Jewish thought and culture have made to the larger development of Western and global civilization."

His students wanted to learn more, though, and they asked good questions in class about Jewish history. Spaulding realized that a professor devoted to researching and teaching the subject would be an invaluable asset to the campus and the community. He and colleagues Michael Seidman, professor of history; Kathleen Berkeley, history professor and former chair of the history department; and Jo Ann Seiple, professor of English and former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, created a proposal for the professorship that received an enthusiastic endorsement from Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

The proposal inspired avid support among the Block family of New Hanover County and the Rhine family of Pender County. Frank and Wendy Block, their family and friends provided funds to name the professorship for Frank's parents. Their gifts qualify for matching funds from the state endowment trust funds. Frank is a former chair of the UNCW Board of Trustees and currently serves on the university's board of visitors.

To enhance the Block professor's work, Don and Rebecca Rhine and Joel and Alice Rhine established the Rhine Family Endowment for Jewish History. Those funds will enhance the Block professor's work by providing support for public lectures, presentations at area schools, and special events related to the history of Jewish civilization.

"Members of the UNCW history department have long been dedicated to serving the community, but this is our first position with funds earmarked for public programs," Spaulding said.

The Block Professorship and the Rhine Family Endowment are invaluable tools to help UNCW better educate students.

"Studying Jewish history will give students the opportunity to learn about one of the world's most ambiguous minority cultures," Spaulding said. "For much of Western history, Jews were both the ultimate 'insiders' and the ultimate 'outsiders.' They were insiders because significant portions of Jewish thought and culture became central elements of the Western tradition, but Jews remained outsiders because they themselves were never fully accepted into Western societies. The Jewish experience adds a different and significant twist to what many students might think of as a 'minority' culture."

Want to help UNCW enhance students' historical knowledge? Support the Block Professorship and the Rhine Family Endowment. To make a contribution, please contact Eddie Stuart, director of development for major gifts, at 910.962.7665.

Photos by Anne Mansfield

Artist Kit Kelly Garfield discussed her work with guests at a spring reception sponsored by the UNCW Board of Visitors. Several students sold pieces of their artwork during the event held in the Kenan House garden.

Arts in Bloom

The garden reception's special guests included members of the Provost's Club, an organization for donors who contribute $1,000-$2,499 annually to UNCW. For more information about UNCW's giving clubs, please contact Claire Stanley, director of external and donor relations, at 910.962.3169.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to our newly elected board members, Dr. Sherry Broom '01M, Enoch Hasberry III '98 and Beth Terry '00.

As we begin our new fiscal year at UNCW, I am excited about the events we have planned. Oct. 13 is Midnight Madness, when we kick off basketball season. Our Alumni Fall Festival starts Oct. 20; we will celebrate the opening of the new Fisher Student Center.

In February, we will host our annual awards banquet and several homecoming events. Reunion events are in the planning stages for the 60th anniversary of Wilmington College, the Class of 1957. The Class of 1997 is organizing for a reunion in May. Please check the alumni Web site, www.uncw.edu/alumni, for details.

We also begin the year with a new strategic plan, and one of our main goals is to endow all of the merit scholarships the alumni association awards annually. Currently, the association funds 15 scholarships, but only five are endowed. In fact, the alumni association supports a larger number of scholarships than any other single entity on or off campus, and each year we raise money to help fund this effort.

Our long-term goal is to have all of our scholarships endowed with enough funds to provide at least $3,500 each year to each of our recipients. A commitment of that size will take more than $750,000 in additional endowment funds. This is an aggressive target, but achievable. So, when you are asked to give to the Alumni Scholarship Fund, please remember that your donations, combined with gifts from other alumni, will help fund the education of some of the best and brightest students at UNCW.

I look forward to meeting you at upcoming events and activities.

With Seahawk Spirit,

Donis N. Smith

Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M
Chair, UNCW Alumni Association

1. Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Todd Olesiuk and student ambassador Ajduli Butler hang a game day banner outside Brooks Field.

2. The UNCW Alumni Association hosted a Grand Slam Jam before the Seahawk baseball game against Delaware.

3. Seahawk head coach Mark Scalf greets Eddie Stuart '05M and his son, James, during the Grand Slam Jam May 5.

nominations sought for alumni awards

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the University of North Carolina Wilmington and the community?

The UNCW Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award, which is open to all men and women who attended and/or graduated from Wilmington College or UNCW, and the Distinguished Citizen Award, which is open to anyone for notable service to the university and community. Honorees will be recognized at the association's annual awards banquet homecoming weekend. http://uncw.edu/alumni/awards-program.htm

AAGA

On May 12, a large number of family, friends and university administrators gathered for the Spring Senior Sankofa ceremony in the courtyard of the education building. AAGA members met in July to make plans for freshmen move-in, which the chapter has long supported.

Contact: Gia Todd Long at gialong@hotmail.com or 910.617.5600

Atlanta

For March Madness, the Atlanta Chapter gathered at Frankie's at the Prado, where a UNCW basketball jersey was hanging on the wall announcing the arrival of the best team in the CAA. Throughout the game, alumni engulfed the restaurant in shouts of "Let's Go Seahawks!" In addition to the area alumni, alumni from California and relatives of Todd Hendley, rooted for the Seahawks up to the bitter end.

The chapter is planning events for the fall, which includes a UNCW Alumni/Habitat for Humanity Day on Aug. 22. All volunteers will receive a UNCW Alumni Association T-shirt to wear. Sept. 9 brings the fourth annual Atlanta Braves Baseball Outing. Watch for the announcement of the pregame social which might be headlined by the head athletic trainer of the Braves who is a graduate of UNCW. Event registration and information can be obtained at www.uncwalumnitickets.com.

Contact: Laura M. Medlin at lmedlin@mfllaw.com or 404.372.6880

Baltimore / Washington DC

A group of 30 Seahawks from Maryland and the Washington, D.C., area gathered June 24 at Pickles Pub for a pregame social and then headed over to Camden Yards to watch the Orioles and Nationals play before a sell-out crowd. More events are being planned for 2007.

Contact: Jeff@leefinancialassociates.com

Boston

More than 20 Seahawks gathered July 27 at Jillian's Boston. Assistant Alumni Director Todd Olesiuk '99 was on hand to discuss UNCW's growth, the many ways alumni can support the university and leadership opportunities.

For more information contact alumni@uncw.edu or 800.596.2880.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

California

Both North and South California socials held May 27 were well attended by Seahawks. Over 40 alumni gathered for the first time in California thanks to the volunteers who coordinated both events.

Contact: Dan Faill at dfaill@pacific.edu or Jonathon Glazebrook at jglazebrook@dorland.com

Cameron School of Business

Members of the CSB Chapter met June 17 at Wise Alumni House to set plans for the remainder of 2006 and for 2007. The chapter hopes to take a more active role in Business Week as well as increase community involvement.

Contact: Sarah Cain '99, '06M at sarah.cain@americanhm.com

Cape Fear

Over 80 alumni and friends gathered for the eighth annual Grand Slam Jam. The chapter carried out the Cinco de Mayo festivities by hosting the event with Mexican-themed food and beverages. The Seahawks once again thrilled the crowd with a home-run hit by sophomore designated hitter Daniel Hargarve in the bottom of the 11th inning, lifting UNCW past Delaware 4-3 at Brooks Field. The chapter also held a social June 11 at Bluewater Grille, Wrightsville Beach. Every Friday this summer at Mayfaire, the chapter is promoting the alumni association at the lawn and music party with a tent with alumni apparel and information.

Contact: Kristen "Doc" Dunn at Kristen@crrhomes.com

Charlotte

Alumni gathered for socials in April and in June in the Charlotte area. Chapter President Meredith Spencer thanks members who have taken leadership roles in the chapter.

Contact: Meredith Spencer at merespencer@yahoo.com

New York/New Jersey

A group of 30 alumni met June 26 at The Tonic Bar on Seventh Avenue in Manhattan to discuss potential events such as: socials and volunteer opportunities to represent UNCW.

Contact: Gerry Marano at gmarano@kpmg.com

School of Nursing

The School of Nursing will host a reception for its alumni on Oct. 12 during the N.C. Nursing Association convention at the Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem.

For more information, please contact the alumni relations office at alumni@uncw.edu.

Triangle

On April 22, the Triangle Chapter hosted its annual Durham Bulls outing and over 100 alumni and friends gathered to enjoy quality entertainment and great people. Members of the chapter also gathered for a social in July where chapter leadership change took place.

For more information regarding the Triangle Chapter contact alumni@uncw.edu.

Watson School of Education

The Watson School of Education Alumni Chapter is planning for a busy year. They continue to focus on recognizing excellence in teaching, promoting educational opportunities for students, mentoring students and fundraising.

Earlier this year, the WSE scholarship committee reviewed applications for two scholarships. These scholarships were for students who have made a commitment to majoring in education and who have exemplified strong classroom performance. In 2006, the recipients were Linda Hicks and Ruth Ann Craft.

The chapter is working toward meeting its $25,000 goal to endow a new scholarship. Members feel strongly that their greatest contribution is to ensure that the scholarship will be available over the years.

Wilmington College

Lifelong Wilmington residents and Wilmington College alumni Herbert '53 and Sylvia Watson Fisher '50, established a $2 million endowed fund to maintain the newly completed student center and enhance its programs. Their contribution to name the Herbert and Sylvia Fisher Student Center is the largest outright gift from individual donors in UNCW history. (See story on page 5.) Chapter members were excited and proud that fellow classmates were able to represent Wilmington College with such a wonderful donation.

Contact: Jim Medlin '52 at 910.791.5259

1950

Estell C. Lee '55 was awarded the *Star-News* Lifetime Achievement Award in May for her contributions as a community leader. After earning an associate's degree in business from Wilmington College, Lee spent most of her career working around ships, the most notably with Almont Shipping in which she held controlling interest until 1990. She served on the board of the N.C. Department of Transportation and as secretary of the N.C. Department of Commerce from 1991 to 1993, the only woman to serve in that capacity. She has been active in local Republican Party politics and currently serves on the board of the N.C. Community College System. Lee was named UNCW Alumna of the Year in 1981 and Distinguished Citizen in 1991. She is an honorary ex-officio member of the Seahawk Club.

1960s

Don A. Evans '66 is retired after 13 years in business with The Tinder Box of Crabtree Mall. He sold the business in January, but continues to work on contract with new owners.

1970s

Mickey Corcoran '70, owner of Atlantic Beverage, was named Corporate Member of the Year by the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce. Atlantic Beverage has continually grown in his 26 years as owner and will expand over the next year to a 30,000-square-foot facility.

Wayne Shew '71 is associate provost at Birmingham-Southern College, where he has been a faculty member since 1978. He is the Ada Rittenhouse Snavely Professor of Biology.

Happy Dillard '73 is clinical pharmacist with Aiken Regional Hospital.

Vonetta Yeager Perkins '73 is the electronic research administration program manager at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Larry Mazingo '74 received a doctoral degree in educational leadership from East Carolina University. He serves as Greene County superintendent of schools.

Richard H. Powell Jr. '74 is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Willa Hughey '75 was selected to take part in FirstHealth of the Carolinas 2006 Institute for Nursing Excellence program. She is an oncological nurse in the radiation oncology department of Moore Regional Hospital.

Tony Lunsford '75 is the principal of Sneed Middle School in Florence, S.C. He holds a Master of Education degree in administration and supervision from Winthrop University.

A teacher and softball coach at South View High School for the past 30 years, **Floyd Dees '76** was elected as mayor of the Town of Hope Mills in November 2005.

Kent Flowers '76 is the Craven County Social Services Board department director.

Robert Browning Jr. '77 gave the keynote address at a Civil War Symposium in March. The talk was based on his book *From Cape Charles to Cape Fear: The North Atlantic Blockading Squadron during the Civil War*. He is the chief historian with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Vice president of PepsiCo Business Development **Elisabeth Maney Struckell '78** spoke at Business Week, hosted in March by the Cameron School of Business. She supports the PepsiCo customer teams, which work directly with large national customers, and

Struckell

the PepsiCo sales teams to deliver shopper insights and category management to grow the business. She was the first female to lead a division at PepsiCo, where she has worked since 1983. She has a MBA from UNC Chapel Hill. Struckell and PepsiCo recently made contributions to the Friends of UNCW Scholarship, helping the organization achieve its goal of raising $100,000 for its endowment fund. Struckell serves on the Friends of UNCW board.

1980s

Otis Pelham '80 was elected as commissioner of District 1 in Robeson County.

Francis DeLuca '81 was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps.

J. Morris Hankins '81 was promoted to director of operations for the Cincinnati Division of Olive Garden Restaurants. He and his wife, **Gale Flowers Hankins '80**, a computer analyst with First Health, reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Alisa Smith Sofield '82 and her husband John started their own business, Sofield Enterprises, in Wilmington.

Kenneth G. Paul '83 was promoted to senior vice president at BB&T.

Saffo

Bill Saffo '83 became mayor of Wilmington on July 11. The first-term city councilman was appointed unanimously by Wilmington City Council to complete the unfulfilled term of Spence Broadhurst, who resigned. Saffo serves on the UNCW Foundation board.

Col. Darrell Thacker '83 is commander of the Marine Corps Air Station New River. He was awarded a Bronze Star and Air Medal following his second tour in Iraq.

A financial advisor and certified financial planner practitioner, **Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M** was promoted to associate vice president for Morgan Stanley.

Sabrina Long Hodges '87 is employed by Keller Williams Realty Upstate Market Center in Spartanburg, S.C.

Jordan

Barbara Ann Jordan '87, right, receives the UNCW School of Nursing Outstanding Alumni of the Year award from Dean Virginia Adams. She is a staff/charge nurse in outpatient services at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, where she has worked since 1975.

Lance O'Brien '87 received an Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution to the Music Industry at the 25th International Reggae and World Music Awards.

Jeffrey Rogers '87 is a fourth grade teacher at Grays Chapel Elementary School in Franklinville.

Pamela Shadle '88 is manager of marketing and public relations at Beaufort County Hospital in Washington.

Paul Buren '89 is vice president with Ferris Baker Watts in Wilmington.

Joy L. Usher '89 graduated from East Carolina University in December 2005 with a Master of Library Science degree. She is a librarian at Harrells Christian Academy.

Cindy W. Williamson '89 was named 2005-06 Administrator of the Year by the Whiteville City Educational Office Professionals.

1990s

The N.C. Junior Chamber of Commerce named **William C. Adams '90** an Outstanding Young North Carolinian for his political and community work.

Jennifer Wescott Kostyal '90 is the author of *Moving in Faith*. She is the founder and director of Transformed by the Word Ministries in Wilmington.

Kim Long '90 is the store manager of the Erwin-Dunn Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Jerome Hunt '91 is the athletic director at South Robeson High School.

Tina Johnson '91 received a Master of Arts degree in conflict resolution from UNC Greensboro in December 2005.

Davis Bookhart '92 is manager of energy management and environmental stewardship at John Hopkins University. He was featured in the April 17, 2006, issue of the *JHU Gazette*.

Robert L. Dunn '92 was promoted to banking center manager of RBC Centura in Zebulon.

James Hutchins '92 is president of CalAmp Corp's product division in Oxnard, Calif.

Madison McKoy '92 resides in Sydney, Australia, where he has performed in *Miss Saigon* and *Sweet Charity* as well as TV commercials.

Elaine Paradise '92 ministry support coordinator with Ministry Ventures in Roswell, Ga., is on her third short-term mission trip to Split, Croatia, leading a group of nine others to introduce students at the University of Split to a Christian student organization affiliated with Campus Crusade for Christ.

Chad Seymour '92 is president and chief executive officer of C.S. Henry Transfer Inc. and Henry Dock Works in Rocky Mount.

Alexa Winstead '92 is a closing coordinator at Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Realty in Wilmington.

Capt. **Matt Bowen '93** was deployed to Iraq in June with the 1st Battalion, 485th Regiment 108th Division of the U.S. Army Reserve. A story in the March 20, 2006, edition of the *Winston-Salem Journal* discussed his separation from his wife **Sandy Bowen '92** and their two children.

Scott Crocker '93 is vice president of sales at W.A. Moore Insurance Co. in Kinston.

Tracy Davis '93 is the deputy town manager of Nags Head.

Shannon Williams Griffin '93 was North Carolina delegate to the Republican State Convention in 2005. She also attended the inaugural ceremony for President George W. Bush.

Amy Hudson '93 is a realtor with Yost and Little.

Amy Johnson '93 is a grant writer for Special Olympics North Carolina. She and husband **David Johnson '93** live in Cary and had twin daughters on July 4, 2004.

Maximillian Westland '93 is a naval intelligence officer in Washington, D.C.

Twanna Batts '94 is a language arts academic skills lab tutor at Noble Middle School in Wilmington.

Bryan Gibson '94 is a financial services manager with First Citizens Bank in Huntersville.

Karlyn Stephens '94 coaches the volleyball and girls' basketball team at East Columbus High School.

Brian C. Etheridge '95 is president of Leadership North Carolina.

Anthony Felts '95 is a manager with Crawford and Company in Tucker, Ga. It is his 10th anniversary at the company.

Gloria Fields '95 is the first female pastor of Maple Hill A.M.E. Church in Maple Hill.

Ryan T. Gay '95 is a ports safety officer with the N.C. State Ports Authority Safety and Security Department.

Hart

Mary Morris Hart '95 placed third in the figure division in the South Carolina Palmetto Cup bodybuilding and fitness competition on May 6. She is a parole officer with the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles in Savannah.

Ana Maring '95 is the domestic violence educator and public policy coordinator with the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She has served in the U.S. Navy Reserve since 2001 and in February received a direct commission.

Tony Cajigas '96 is the founder of Azalea Coast Accounting Services.

Brian Fulmer '96 is the director of application development at Corporate Network Services. One of 13 FileMaker certified trainers in North America, he was a guest speaker at the FileMaker developers conference in Orlando.

Wendy D. Keyser '96 was named 2005-06 Teacher of the Year at Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary School.

Bonnie LaDelle Strickland '96 is the assistant director of nursing for the Brian Center of Wilson. She has a Master of Science degree in community health administration and wellness promotion from California College of Health Sciences.

Gregory T. Wahl '96 is an environmental manager with the S.C. Office of Coastal Resource Management.

Russell Ballard '97 won the Robot Fighting Leagues' Battle Beach 7 with his robot, Pandemic, in Deland, Fla.

Lamont Franklin '97 is head coach of the boys' basketball team at Cedar Park Christian School in Bothell, Wash. He teaches physical education and is enrolled in the master's degree program at the University of Washington.

Jennifer Gautreau '97 teaches first grade at the Rocky Mount Preparatory School.

Monica Millsaps '97 is a marketing associate with Granite Peak Partners in Santa Monica, Calif.

Shawn M. Russell '97 is director of Mount Olive College's Wilmington location.

Craig Updike '97 co-edited the autobiography of Army drill sergeant and peacekeeper Kent Hughes titled *Three Lies* and is working on a screenplay based on the book. His work with Hughes was mentioned in a *Kinston Free Press* article on April 17, 2006.

Laura Brewer '98 earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Albany College of Pharmacy.

Trenita Clark '98 graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May 2006.

Megan Cohn '98 started a gourmet chocolate business named Chalmers Chocolate Co., which was featured on Forbes.com. The company's Web site is www.chalmerschocolate.com.

As head coach of the Drake University men's tennis team, **Chase Hodges '98** led the team to an NCAA appearance and Missouri Valley Conference Championship in 2006. The team had a 24-2 record. **Ashley Jones Hodges '04** teaches in Des Moines, Iowa

Robert Holley Jr. '98 works in diplomatic security with the U.S. Department of State in Charleston, S.C.

Kevin Snyder '98, who works in student affairs at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., has a side career in motivational speaking. His Web site is www.kevincsynder.com.

Mark Wainright '98, '01M practices dentistry in Raleigh with his father.

William Woodard '98 was named South Carolina's Young Professional of the Year by the S.C. and N.C. Recreation and Parks Association.

Stephen Godwin '99 was awarded the professional insurance designation Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) by the American Institute for CPCU. He supervises Crawford & Company's North Carolina claims management services branch and a risk management services branch in Raleigh.

Alf Holst '99, '01 is the assistant coach of the girls' varsity soccer team at Rockdale County High School in Conyers, Ga.

Joshua Johnson '99 is the owner of Hampstead Wines.

Shawn King '99M is director of marketing/product development for Bonsal American in Charlotte.

Lisa M. Mabe '99, interim director of early childhood programs at Surry Community College, received the 2005 Excellence in Teaching award

A financial advisor, **Lawrence Makepeace '99** is co-founder of the Makepeace Group's Atlanta Buckhead office with Merrill Lynch.

Katey Petz '99, '00M is vice president and controller of Crescent State Bank in Cary.

Raspet

Jill Raspet '99 is president-elect of the Young Lawyers Section of the Greensboro Bar Association.

Amanda Rivenbark '99 was named Moss Hill Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

Kimberly D. Sims '99 is an archival assistant at Duke University.

Michael Taylor '99 graduated from the Virginia Commonwealth University with a master's degree in computer science.

David Terry '99 earned a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from N.C. State University.

Sisters **Rafaela Thomas '99, '04M** and **Estella Wilson '99, '04M** were recognized as two of Onslow County's intriguing black women of 2006 by the Northeast Community Development Corp. Rafaela is a nurse at the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital. Estella is a nurse in Onslow Memorial Hospital emergency room and a nurse practitioner at East Carolina Medical Associates in Jacksonville.

A certified financial planner, **Jason Wheeler '99, '03M** opened his own firm, Pathfinder Investments in 2005.

2000s

Laura Lineback Balow '00 is pursuing a bachelor's degree at Towson University. She is a fitness/rock climbing instructor with the YMCA of Central Maryland.

Katie Dozier Barakat '00 earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from the University of Miami, Florida, and is a freelance writer.

Amanda Bost '00 is a clinical regulatory specialist at PPD in Wilmington.

Kristin Cooper '00 is the director of the Wilmington Yoga Center.

Tara Kazazian '00 is a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker Howard Perry and Walston in the Triangle area.

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Shannon Millikin '00 completed an M.A. in Hispanic linguistics at the University of Illinois at Chicago in May 2006. She will work as a Spanish lecturer at Northwestern University in Sept. 2006.

Derek Nikita '00M had his novel *Pyres* purchased by St. Martin. It will be published under the Minotaur imprint within the next year. Derek teaches English and humanities courses at Delta College, an interdisciplinary liberal arts program at SUNY-Brockport.

Shannon "Scotty" Summerlin '00 is town manager of Beulaville

Audrey Whaley '00 is an account executive with Howard, Merrell & Partners in Raleigh.

Mary Wilkinson '00 was promoted to assistant vice president at SunTrust Bank in Wilmington

Renee Williamson '00 graduated from N.C. Central's School of Law in May 2006.

Jesse J. Adams '01 enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Robert Belovics '01 earned a Master of Science degree in human resources from Western Carolina University. He is a human resource specialist with the University of Texas-Arlington and co-author of seven articles in the *Journal of Employment Counseling*.

Jason Brett '01 is employed by American Home Mortgage in Wilmington.

Marina De Ratimiroff '01 graduated from UNC Greensboro with a Master of Music degree in voice performance.

Jennifer Draughon '01 was named Teacher of the Year at Rosewood Elementary School, where she teaches first grade.

Amy Little Hampton '01 was promoted to marketing director with Image Media and Marketing. She holds a Master of Arts degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix. She and her husband, Thomas, are the parents of Aiden Scott, born Jan. 13, 2005.

Jennifer Hans '01 received a M.S. in microbiology from Georgetown University.

Courtney L. Kilpatrick '01 was promoted to production manager with the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center in Raleigh.

Laura "Ty" Leatherman '01 passed the Florida Certified Public Accountant exam and was promoted to senior accountant with Deloitte & Touche, LLP.

Brandon Mize '01 was named Teacher of the Week by the *Sanford Herald* on Feb. 3, 2006. He teaches third grade at Greenwood Elementary in Sanford.

Coast Guard Seaman **Aimee L. Pere '01** graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Susan M. Shoub '01 is an assistant principal at Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary School

Capt. **Jeffrey Whiting '01** was recalled to active duty for Sea Warrior Programmatic Development in the U.S. Navy

Amanda Wynn '01 was promoted to director of institutional research at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va.

Knowing her sister was upset that their father wouldn't be able to make her graduation, **Erin DeLeo '02**, right, worked behind the scenes with UNCW faculty and staff and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make sure Marissa DeLeo wouldn't be totally disappointed. On May 12, from Camp Anaconda in Iraq where he is helping Iraqis rebuild their infrastructure, Dr. William DeLeo did watch as his youngest daughter received her diploma in her departmental ceremony. "I saw everything, right up to the end. We didn't miss a picture. It was perfect," Dr. DeLeo said after the ceremony when the entire

DeLeo

family was gathered in the School of Education teleconference room, where the university had established two-way communications between UNCW and Iraq. "Wish you were here," Marissa told her father through her tears. "Well, this is the next best thing," he replied.

Lauren A. Crawford '02 received a master's degree in marine biology from the University of Maine in December 2005.

Zachary Galloway '02 graduated from Florida State University with a master's degree in urban and regional planning. He is an environmental and coastal planner with Continental Shelf Associates Inc. and resides in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Tina R. Honeycutt '02 passed the Certified Public Accountant exam and is an assistant controller with PL Industries, LLC, in Charlotte.

Heather Kozak '02 is an aquarium curator at the Tybee Island Marine Science Center.

Michelle Lloyd '02 was promoted to store manager of Picture People in Charlotte.

Kane McKenzie '02 received a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Seminary.

Samuel T. Mintz '02 was recognized for outstanding achievement in 2005 by Scott and Stringfellow in Richmond, Va.

Debra Pazderski '02 earned a M.S. in school psychology from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York. She has accepted an internship with the Onslow County School District for the 2006-07 school year.

Alan "Buddy" Pettigrew Jr. '02 is the manager and one of the owners of the Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries in Mayfaire Town Center, Wilmington. Alan and his business partners plan to open 15 franchises east of I-95.

Hillary Snow '02 received the 2005 Duke Divinity School Award for Excellence in Religion Reporting from the North Carolina Press Association. She writes for the *State Port Pilot* in Southport.

David Sorrentino '02 received a master's in counselor education from UNC Charlotte in December 2005. He is an adolescent therapist with Carolina Medical Center Behavioral Health.

George "Trey" Thorne III '02 serves on the Tarboro board of First Carolina Bank.

Cheryl Ammons '03 is an accountant at the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw.

Harry Fields '03 works in recruitment and regulatory compliance with McKim and Creed in Wilmington.

Erin Justice '03 earned a Master of Education degree in school counseling from Campbell University.

Joshua Hunter '03 is the senior editor for *Transworld Business Magazine*.

Shannon Ludlow '03 was promoted to project manager with Toll Brothers Southeast Florida Division in Delray Beach, Fla.

Catherine McCall '03M had her memoir, *Lifeguarding: A Memoir of Secrets, Swimming, and the South*, selected as a winner of the Reader's Choice Award by *Elle Magazine*. A feature on her book will appear in the August edition of *Elle*.

Erica L. Owens '03 is a certified laboratory specialist in cytogenetics, employed by Genecare Medical Research Center in Chapel Hill

Randy Russell '03 is the development project manager of First Colony Corporation and First Colony Healthcare, LLC.

Mike Simone '03 is featured in the fourth edition of Peterson's *Smart Choices Honors Programs and Colleges*. A student in the ecology, evolution and behavior Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota, Simone said his participation in the UNCW Honors Scholars Program "opened up lots of possibilities."

Christopher Walch '03 earned an associate's degree in computer animation from FullSail RealWorld Education and is creating 3D graphics and content as a subcontractor at Lockheed Martin in Orlando, Fla., for government and military simulations.

Nathan Woodward '03 is a pilot with USAirways Express, flying out of Charlotte.

James Boyles '04 earned a post-graduate diploma in fine and decorative art at Sotheby's Art Institute in London, England.

Sara Cowling '04 graduated from East Carolina University with a Master of Science in Social Work. She is a social worker in Halifax Medical Center's Woodside Psychiatric Unit in Roanoke Rapids.

David W. Edmonds Jr. '04 is enrolled in the Master of Business Administration degree program with a concentration in real estate finance and development at the Belk College of Business at UNC Charlotte.

Jennifer Houseworth '04 graduated in May from Appalachian State University with a Master of Arts degree in industrial/organizational psychology and human resource management.

Jeffrey A. Lennox '04 is an investigative reporter for the ABC affiliate in Knoxville, Tenn. He plans to pursue a master's degree in electronic media at the University of Tennessee in the fall.

Melissa Meadows '04 received a National Science Foundation graduate fellowship at Arizona State University where she is pursuing a Ph.D.

During training with AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps in Denver, Colo., **Jenni McBrayer '04** constructed trails at Big Bend National Park in Texas.

Melinda Powell '04 is development code administrator for the Town of Wrightsville Beach.

Samantha Sanderlin '04 is an associate broker at Sun Realty of Nags Head's Currituck Office.

Mehul R. Shah '04 owns a UPS store in Carolina Beach.

Jasper B. Smith '04 is in his second year at Howard University School of Law.

Bonnie Thayer '04 is a teller with Bank of Wilmington.

Crystal Todd '04 was named Professional of the Year by the Selma Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a bilingual staffing assistant with Corestaff Staffing Services.

Melissa D. Voncannon '04 is a production assistant for "America's Next Top Model."

Kristin C. Christaks '05 teaches kindergarten at Winstead Elementary School.

Scott Curry '05 of Wrightsville Beach achieved P-1 certification with the U.S. Professional Tennis Association.

Javier Guevara Jr. '05 will enroll this fall in the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Doctor of Medicine/Master of Business Administration degree program.

Scott Hall '05 is principal first vice president of Market Street Investments and Securities in Clayton. He is an assistant coach for Johnston Christian Academy's junior varsity basketball team.

Cassie E. Holtz '05 teaches preschool at Childrens Learning Center of Wilmington.

Angela Lanzafama '05 is a pre-kindergarten teacher at the Wilmington Childrens Learning Center.

Maggie Lineberger '05M was named 2006 Teacher of the Year for Brunswick County Schools. She teaches math at North Brunswick High School.

Jessica Miller '05 is a public relations manager with Trivisions Creative Media Agency and is an ambassador for the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Christopher Reavis '05 is the assistant general manager of the Wilmington Sharks baseball team.

Kelly D. Rhine '05 earned a Master of Science degree in European communication in June from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

Matthew Roden '05 is general manager of LifeQuest Fitness in Conway, S.C.

Ruth Seeley '05 is a client executive in the Washington, D.C., office of the Burson-Marsteller public affairs firm.

Blair Struble '05 is the director of marketing and events at the Cotton Company in Wake Forest.

Lauren Temple '05 teaches preschool at the Children's Learning Center in Wilmington.

Lisa Thatcher '05 is an engineering intern with Cavanaugh and Associates in Wilmington.

Carrie A. Verdon '05 is a designer for Maximum Design and Advertising Inc.

Krista Williams '05 is an account assistant with Talk PR in Wilmington.

Woodard

Sarah Hollis Woodard '05 received the 2006-07 Award of Excellence from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. This award will aid her pursuit of a Ph.D. in evolutionary biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Daniela Lucaciu '06 was interviewed by the *Hickory Daily Record*. She is an actress on the television show *One Tree Hill*, portraying a cheerleader and the best friend of one of the show's main characters, Brooke, played by Sophia Bush.

Calvin Sims '06 is enrolled in the Ph.D. program for clinical psychology at Syracuse University.

Leigh Zimmerman '06M was selected a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellow. She is spending 2006 in Washington, D.C., learning about federal policy making decisions that affect the ocean, coastal and Great Lakes regions.

Weddings

Anna F. Huffman '85 and Durwood G. Hargiss on April 22, 2006.

Margaret G. Williamson '89 and Hugh Greene on Nov. 25, 2005.

Richard E. Bailey '91 and Laura Barbour on April 1, 2006.

Mary C. Huggins '91 and Jeffrey R. Christy on Oct. 29, 2005.

Jonas B. Bost '92 and Erica Triplett on Sept. 17, 2005.

Cathy Joyner '92 and Richard T. Lemon Jr. on March 4, 2006.

Paula G. Porter '92 and Anthony L. Carr Dec. 3, 2005.

Tracy M. Crowell '93 and William D. Truesdale on Jan. 21, 2006.

Christina Pino-Marina '93 and **Phillip Hughey '93** on Sept. 17, 2005. Phillip is deputy general counsel with the Federal Maritime Commission, and Christina is a journalist with the *Washington Post*/Newsweek Interactive. They reside in Washington, D.C.

Benjamin Sperling '93 and Kay Lee on March 12, 2005. They reside in Dunwoody, Ga., where Benjamin is director of Radio Frequency Identifications (RFID) Programs with McKesson Automation.

Julie M. Nelson '95 and Tim Robey on Nov. 5, 2005.

Christiana B. Boshamer '96 and David D. Yett on Oct. 15, 2005.

Cheryl E. Catullo '96 and Dennis M. Andrison on Nov. 5, 2005.

Charlie B. Davis '96 and Susan Z. Martin on Nov. 12, 2005.

Bryan S. Martin '96 and Jennifer L. Carmen on Sept. 24, 2005.

Phone Phimon '96 and **Jonathan R. Winstead '01** on July 9, 2005.

Karen E. Roberts '96 and John T. Bumgarner on March 4, 2006.

Ashley L. Allen '97 and Timothy M. Dellis on June 18, 2005.

Kathryn L. Brock '97 and **Brian D. Weeks '97** on Oct. 1, 2005.

Julie E. Haithcock '97 and James A. Taylor on May 21, 2005. Julie is a financial management analyst for Duke Health System. They reside in Morrisville.

Monica Milsaps '97 and Christopher Martinez on Sept. 2, 2005. She is a marketing associate with Granite Peak Partners in Santa Monica, Calif.

Andrew H. Francis '98 and Kelly E. Carruth on Feb. 19, 2006.

William S. Rumley '98 and Kimberly D. Wilson on Oct. 1, 2005.

Kimberly L. Williams '98 and Chad R. Creech on Aug. 27, 2005.

Jennifer L. Borden '99 and Peter Frank on Oct. 1, 2005. Jennifer earned a masters degree in clinical psychology from California Lutheran University and is an assistant administrator with Ventura County Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Team. They reside in Simi Valley, Calif.

Brittany E. Manson '99 and **Patrick A. Knittel '01** on Nov. 12, 2005.

Darcy M. McMullin '99 and **Robert J. Wirth '99** on June 11, 2005.

Carmen Pearce '99 and Michael Adams on July 23, 2005.

Sullivan

Celina D. Sullivan '99 and Chris T. Thornton on April 30, 2006. They reside in Orlando, Fla. Celina was promoted to office and marketing manager with Countrywide Home Loans.

Carol D. Bohanon '00 and Irwin Williams on Sept. 3, 2005.

Lisa E. Campen '00 and Bradley H. Wallace on Dec. 17, 2005.

Catherine C. Corbett '00 and **Paul R. Brooks III '02** on Oct. 5, 2005. Camille is the owner of Indah Designs in La Jolla, Calif., and Paul serves in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Angela M. Goss '00 and **Dale E. North '01** on Sept. 3, 2005. Dale is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, and Angela is a manager with Polo Ralph Lauren. They reside in Myrtle Beach.

Melodie Hall '00 and Wesley F. Daniels on Oct. 15, 2005.

Elizabeth W. Hayes '00 and Mark A. Gould on July 16, 2005.

Melissa D. Humphrey '00 and **Scott Newhall '99** on July 16, 2005.

Ashley K. Keener '00 and Lukas Trosman on Sept. 25, 2005.

Mandy T. Leggett '00 and Mark W. Bobo on Jan. 21, 2006.

Jennifer A. Patterson '00 and Charles A. Mickey on Oct. 22, 2005.

Elisabeth S. Pearson '00 and Gregory S. Garner on Nov. 12, 2005.

Cameron P. Thigpen '00 and Jill J. Luzader on Oct. 22, 2005.

Jenny M. Thomas '00 and Phillip R. Radford on Oct. 8, 2005.

Tiffany Triantafillou '00 and **James Wood '00** on May 14, 2005. Tiffany is an account executive with FCB Healthcare, and James is a provisioning manager with Metsell Communications. They reside in Lyndhurst, N.J.

David Brown '01 and Carrie Hunt on April 29, 2006, at Trinity Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

Katherine L. Cooper '01 and **Jason C. Derrick '01** on Oct. 8, 2005. Jason and Katie both hold Master of Social Work degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill and are employed by UNC-Chapel Hill. Katie is a social worker and addictions therapist, and Derrick is a research project manager.

Lauren K. Harvell '01 and Randolph J. Bell on March 25, 2006.

Bethany Honeycutt '01 and Patrick Tuttle on Aug. 7, 2005.

Randy Mickle '01 and Abby Kellams on Dec. 21, 2005.

Brandon A. Mills '01 and Karmann Cressman on Nov. 26, 2005. They reside in Cary. Brandon is employed by NC State University.

Diana M. Stewart '01 and Jason B. Michaud on Oct. 1, 2005.

Stewart

Landon Weinbach '01 and **Shannon Barker '98** on April 22, 2006. Landon is an executive assistant with the Town of Leland, and Shannon, a manager with Ace Hardware, is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at UNCW.

Kenneth R. Wilson '01 and Jennifer Stanley on Nov. 19, 2005.

Krista Yaudes '01 and Jeremy White on May 7, 2005. Krista is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical science with a focus on proteomics and cancer biology research at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

William K. Allen '02 and Jennifer L. Chappell on Sept. 17, 2005.

Ragan B. Barefoot '02 and John M. Pearson on Oct. 14, 2005.

Caroline E. Craven '02 and **Melvin G. Nelson '92** on Aug. 27, 2005.

Kimberly Fletcher '02 and Robert Dorsey on June 4, 2005. Kimberly is a clinical nurse III in the Durham Regional Hospital emergency room.

Elizabeth B. Hundley '02 and Michael J. Smith on Nov. 12, 2005. Elizabeth is promotions and sales lead coordinator for Blackbaugh in Charleston, S.C.

Stephanie A. Myers '02 and William Dye on Dec. 30, 2005.

Kristin Stamey '02 and Richard A. Owens Jr. on Dec. 3, 2005.

Stacy Pierce '02 and Howard E. Mintz Jr. on Oct. 22, 2005.

Amanda Prosser '02 and Joseph W. Przygodzinski III on Jan. 28, 2006

Ashleigh M. Rouse '02 and John M. Gaillard on Oct. 22, 2005.

Kelly M. Szabo '02 and **Ryan E. Egloff '98** on May 6, 2006.

Alan Barts '03 and Michele Powell on Sept 24, 2005

Andrew T. Blackwell '03 and Sarah C. Johnson on Sept. 23, 2005.

Jennifer S. Clifton '03 and **Brian R. Roberts '02** on Oct. 22, 2005

Matthew J. Currin '03 and Shannon Watkins on Dec. 18, 2004. He is a controller with Cape Fear Farm Credit in Fayetteville

Amanda Darrigrand '03 and **Justin D. Duffy '03** on Aug. 20, 2005. They reside in Alpharetta, Ga. Amanda is an administrative assistant with Financial Freedom

Louise J. Fralick '03 and Randall G. Buck on June 4, 2005. She is in the teacher licensure program in the UNCW Watson School of Education

Elizabeth S. Halso '03 and Jason S. Lanier on April 15, 2006.

Christen S. Jackson '03 and Justin B. Cokes on Dec. 31, 2005.

William R. Konen '03 and Leigh A. Smith on Sept. 24, 2005

Candace D. Pullen '03 and **Brandon T. Hart '02** on June 11, 2005

Laurie F. Reid '03 and **Mitchell T. Moore '01** on April 22, 2006.

Brett E. Ryder '03 and Jennifer McLain on March 18, 2006.

Mary E. Sims '03 and Nicholas R. Carty on Nov. 12, 2005.

Sarah K. Thompson '03 and Nelson J. Elder on Oct. 8, 2005

Jennifer W. Turner '03 and **Melvin J. Hughes III '03** on July 16, 2005.

Lisa Dean '04 and **Clint Taylor '04** on Sept. 10, 2005. Lisa teaches special education at the Newport Development Center, and Clint is an aquarist at the North Carolina Aquarium

Kristen L. Dumas '04 and Aaron C. Zseltway on Oct. 8, 2005.

Bradley W. Langston '04 and Abby Horton on Nov. 12, 2005.

Jennifer L. Perkins '04 and **Eric J. Howell '01** on April 22, 2006.

Laura M. Tyson '04 and **Rhett J. King '03** on Dec. 17, 2005.

Natalie Barrow '05 and Lawrence Caddell on Dec. 10, 2005.

Rachel Bland '05 and **Kelly T. Baucom '05** on April 29, 2006.

Ashley Callahan '05 and Sgt. William P. Massey Jr. on Oct. 22, 2005. Ashley is a registered nurse in the adult surgery/urology department at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Mariah A. Coburn '05 and Justin Hayes on Dec. 10, 2005.

Denise N. Crowe '05 and Ralph O. Miller on March 4, 2006.

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Angela D. Parsons '05 and Jonathan D. Sedberry on Dec. 17, 2005.

Heather Poythress '05 and Jonathan Jarvi on Nov. 26, 2006.

Shannon L. Smith '05 and **Dustin P. Hoertt '05** on Sept. 23, 2005.

Shelley G. Smith '05 and **Douglas Piatkowski '00** on Dec. 9, 2005.

Christina M. Tracey '05 and William E. Hadding on July 16, 2005. Christina is a certified optician with Vision Associates. The couple resides in Baltimore, Md.

Kristina L. Currie '06 and Aaron J. Liljestrand on Sept. 24, 2005

Jonathan Pegram '06 and Lacey Carothers on March 4, 2006.

Births

To **Eric A. Boehling '90** and his wife Shelley, a daughter, Corrie Lee Louise, on Nov. 17, 2005. An employee relations specialist with New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Eric earned the senior professional human resources certification in December 2005

To **J. Stephen Sizemore '91** and his wife Kristen, a daughter, Kendall Marie, on Sept. 20, 2005. Steve is a production supervisor with Bandag Inc. in Oxford

To **Brian T. '92** and **Tammy Vann Harrington '92**, a son, Benjamin Owen Worth, on April 26, 2006. Brian is a probation/parole officer with Community Corrections in Sampson County.

To **Michael Koenig '92** and his wife Lauren, a son, Alexander Michael, on March 31, 2006. He is an active directory support engineer with Microsoft in Irving, Texas.

To **Mark Lyczkowski '92** and his wife Christy, a daughter, Grace Olivia, on March 5, 2006. He is the mid-south regional director for Xpress Brands Cheerleading Events and head coach of the UNC Chapel Hill Dance Team.

Lyczkowski

Stephen Getzelmann '93 and his wife Beth adopted a son, Tyler Robert, born Dec. 21, 2005, in Guatemala.

To **Kimberli Dorough Kassir '93** and her husband Brett, twins Dylan and Alli, on March 28, 2005.

To **Thomas Pearman '93** and his wife Jamie, a daughter, Katherine Hayden, on Aug. 9, 2005.

To **Michael '95** and **Sarah Thomas Haithcock '98**, a son, William James, on Oct. 19, 2005. Sarah is a registered nurse at Duke University Medical Center, and Michael is a programmer/analyst with SYSRAD. They reside in Raleigh.

To **Ginger Garner Jablonski '95** and her husband Jeffrey, a son, Michael Garner, on Dec. 27, 2005.

To **Chris Meighen '95** and his wife Laune, a son, Kaden on March 9, 2006. An advisor with MetLife in Clarksburg, WVa., Chris achieved membership in the insurance industry's Million Dollar Round Table.

To **Gregory A. Lloyd '96** and **Eliza Del Rosario '96**, a daughter, Regan Avery, on Nov. 8, 2005.

To **Joann Bradley Habron '97** and her husband Sean, a son, Alex Bradley, on Nov. 16, 2005.

To **April McMasters Overcash '97** and her husband Jason, a son, Hunt Jeremiah on June 28, 2005. April is the recreation center director with the City of Greensboro.

To **Melissa Shaw Pierick '97** and her husband Ed, a daughter, Erin Grace, on Dec. 18, 2005. Melissa is a copywriter for Telephone Data Systems in Madison, Wis.

To **Julie Andrews Voorhees '97** and her husband Phillip, a daughter, Olivia Grace, on Sept. 24, 2005. As Julie Bell, she co-authored the book *The Scorecard. How to Fix Your Man in One Year or Less*, published by Gotham Books.

To **Cynthia Fulcher Mintz '99** and her husband Matthew, a daughter, Brianna Grayce, on Jan. 6, 2005. Cynthia is an assistant finance director for Carteret County.

To **Sean R. Dyer '00** and his wife Kristen, a daughter, Kailyn Emily, on Jan. 21, 2006

To **Chris Elrod '00, '02M** and **Danielle Naughtin '02**, a daughter, Morgan Avery, on April 8, 2006. Chris is a supervisor with McGladry & Pullen, LLP, and Danielle is a store manager of Express. They reside in Charlotte.

To **Orvin Lee Johnson '01** and his wife Kelly, a son, Owen Ralph, on Oct. 30, 2005.

To **Shannon Spencer Kinser '00** and her husband Doug, a son, Adam Scott, on Nov. 1, 2005.

To **Scott '01** and **Meredith Moore Thorpe '01**, a daughter, Lily Samantha, on Jan. 23, 2006

To **Rebecca Keenan Hersey '01** and her husband Michael, a daughter, Meaghan Lacy, on Dec. 02, 2005. The family resides in Raleigh.

To **Michael D. '01** and **Sarah Polston Supak '01**, a son, Jacob Alixander, on Jan. 15, 2006.

To **Stefanie Egan '02**, a daughter, Brooklyn Jean, on Jan. 31, 2006.

To **James G. '02** and **Christina Whitfield Huff '02**, a daughter, Sarah Caitlin, on March 31, 2005.

To **Eric C. '02** and **Theresa Ostrander Gebhardt '03**, a son, Austin, on Dec. 22, 2005. The couple resides in Charlotte.

To **Stefanie Egan Rachis '02** and her husband William, a daughter, Brooklyn Jean, on Jan. 31, 2006.

To **Crystal Ward Reilly '03** and her husband Joshua, a daughter, Isabella Anne, on Oct. 20, 2005. Crystal is a teacher with Whiteville City Schools.

Deaths

John G. Pistolis '65 died Feb. 12, 2006. John enjoyed telling his friends that he helped move desks and furniture from the Isaac Bear Building on Market Street to Wilmington College's "new" South College Road campus in 1961. He was retired after 30 years as a purchasing agent at General Electric's Castle Hayne plant

Kens O. Kaiser '80 died Feb. 1, 2006. He worked for CP&L for 17 years, was an avid fisherman and lived in Fayetteville.

Christopher G. Loughlin '95 on Dec. 16, 2005.

Joy Highsmith Whitley '95 of Burgaw on April 16, 2006.

Rhonda L. Allgood '02 on Dec. 19, 2005.

Friends

Former faculty member **Joseph Awkard Jr.**, 85, died on Feb. 26, 2006, in Washington, D.C.

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A PASSION FOR JUSTICE

by Kim Proukou '06M

For a young attorney as talented and hard-working as Tamika Jenkins '01, there were many opportunities. After graduating from UNCW, her overwhelming desire to make a difference in her own community led her to the study of law and that same desire led her to open her own practice in an underserved area of Southeastern North Carolina, her hometown of Leland.

"Law seemed to me the best way to make the greatest impact," Jenkins said. "It became clear to me when I began to use my third-year license, the license obtained by law students that allows them to gain experience by practicing under a supervising attorney, that home would be the only place for me. My practice will contribute to the community like no other. This is where I am from, where I grew up. I couldn't start my law practice anywhere else.

"Opening a law firm was a little more complicated than I thought it would be. However, getting the word out – that hasn't been so hard. The people in my community have been so happy that someone from Leland has made it this far. Everyone has helped me so much."

After graduating from UNCW, Jenkins distinguished herself at UNC School of Law in Chapel Hill as founder and president of the Carolina Law Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; as public interest mentor for first-year law students; by providing legal research for the Innocence Project, a non-profit legal clinic and criminal justice resource center; as a participant in the Pro Bono Project, a free civil legal service provided by volunteer lawyers; and as a member of the Black Law Students Association.

Jenkins gained hands-on experience clerking for Judge Marion R. Warren of the 13th Prosecutorial District, Brunswick, Bladen and Columbus counties, Attorney Scott C. Dorman and the law firm of Ramos and Lewis. In addition, she contributed public service hours locally at St. James Episcopal Homeless Shelter, Hope Harbor Home Domestic Violence Shelter and Dorothy B. Johnson Elementary School, as well as with the Hispanic service organization Amigos International. When Jenkins decided to go into practice in Leland, Judge Warren congratulated her saying "You could have gone anywhere in this

Duncan ready to ROCK AND ROLL a

by Andrea Weaver

As a founding investor in Hard Rock Park, Tim Duncan '73 is in for the ride of his life. The $400 million theme park, designed to celebrate the spirit of rock and roll, will be built on 140 acres in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"This has been like a roller coaster ride," said Duncan, an accountant who owns his own firm in Myrtle Beach. Hard Rock Park, scheduled to open in 2008, will be the first theme park for Hard Rock International Inc., already well-known for the restaurants, hotels and casinos it operates in 41 countries.

Duncan and other local investors first thought of building a theme park about five years ago as they researched viable development ideas for large tracts of property they owned along U.S. 501.

"We liked the concept, we know the market, and we wanted to bring something significant to Myrtle Beach," he said. Once completed, the park will produce about 3,000 jobs and shine a bright, international spotlight on the area's other tourist attractions.

Duncan and his partners drafted a business plan and flew down to Orlando in 2002 to pitch their idea to "all the major players in the theme park business, but we got no takers at all."

They refused to give up and sought other investors. At one point, executives from a major record label expressed interest in the park. At another time, an international make-up and fragrance company evaluated the idea. Finally, "one of our investors said, 'Hey, my neighbor is vice president of development for Hard Rock. Why don't I get a cheap bottle of wine and pitch the idea of a Hard Rock Park to him?'" The neighbor liked the idea and the investors recruited an executive management team with extensive theme park experience. From there, the project took off.

Plans for Hard Rock Park include more than 40 attractions – rides, shops, restaurants, children's play areas, stores and a multi-purpose live music amphitheater. Key elements include a giant guitar near the park's lake and the feature ride, a roller coaster named "Stairway to Heaven" for the song by Led Zeppelin.

"This is the first time that Jimmy Page has licensed that song," Duncan said as he outlined plans for the coaster that features a 200-foot vertical drop.

Tim Duncan stands in front of the lake on the Hard Rock Park site in Myrtle Beach. He is a founding investor in the $400 million theme park scheduled to open in 2008. Duncan, a member of the UNCW Foundation Board, lives in Myrtle Beach with his wife Deborah and their two daughters, Ginny, a UNCW sophomore, and Ashley. Duncan is president of Duncan, Farmer, Munden, McIlrath & Cobb, P.A. "I serve on the Foundation Board because of the experiences I had at UNCW 30 years ago and the opportunities my daughter has now as a student."

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

United States; you could have gone anywhere in the 100 counties, but you chose to come home…Thank you."

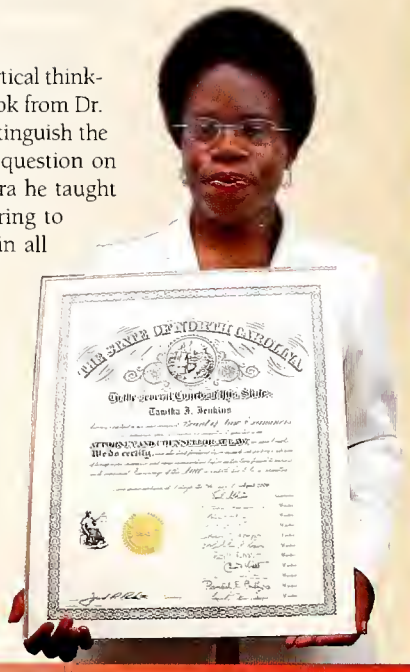
A transfer student, Jenkins began her college career at Cape Fear Community College. Before attending UNCW, she transferred first to UNC Pembroke. She completed her undergraduate studies at UNCW in sociology.

Like many transfer students, who make up approximately 40 percent of new admissions to UNCW, Jenkins found an engaging community of professors and fellow students to support her. She graduated cum laude, was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociology honor society, and received the John H. Scalf Sociology Award and the Academic Achievement and Minority Student Leadership Award.

"UNCW prepared me well for law school, the bar exam, law practice and starting my own law firm in so many ways," she said. Jenkins passed the bar exam the first time – an achievement that only 54 percent of law students in the state can claim.

"The study of sociology taught me analytical thinking. It was in social theory, a course I took from Dr. Stephen McNamee that I learned to distinguish the 'trees' and the 'forest.' For each essay question on the bar exam I would chant the mantra he taught us: forest, trees, and forest, remembering to think both generally and specifically in all my answers. Professors McNamee, McDaniel, Miller, LaGrange, Bullers and King taught me to become aware of the probable social pressures at work in human behavior. This has made it easier to understand and appreciate the situations of others in all socio-economic classes."

Jenkins added, "At UNCW every professor reinforced the message to me to go after what it was I wanted to become. I am grateful to all of them for that."



Myrtle Beach Theme Park

Duncan, an accountant for more than 30 years, seems like an unlikely investor in a music theme park. He wears understated glasses and has neatly trimmed gray hair, but his heart beats to a risk-taker's drum. He prefers sports sandals to dress shoes and saves his ties for big meeting days. He flies his own plane just for fun and has filled his office with collectibles, including a model ship, a nautical chart and a painting of Chandler's Wharf in Wilmington.

"When you get labeled an accountant, people think of you as a pencil pusher and a tax preparer," Duncan said. "I am not an innovator, but I know how to get things done behind the scenes."

He grew up in Wilmington, graduated from New Hanover High School in 1964, and enrolled in Wilmington College, but disliked going to class. "I played too much golf, and my grades reflected that," he said with a laugh. He quit college, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam. After his tour of duty, Duncan returned to UNCW.

"When I came back, I decided to try accounting," he said. "I remember thinking, 'I can get a job with this stuff.'"

He graduated in 1973 and immediately joined an accounting firm with locations around the South. The firm sent him to Myrtle Beach. Duncan was made a partner in 1983 and bought the practice out a year later.

"It's been rewarding to be my own boss," he said. "Every experience I have, I try to take something good away from it."

For example, he learned from some clients' failed investments in far-off ventures that he prefers to spend his development dollars closer to home. Duncan said, "My theory is, if you can't ride by and look at it every day, don't invest in it."

Duncan admitted that Hard Rock Park might look like a gamble to some investors, but he firmly believes building a music theme park in Myrtle Beach – already a prime destination for families, music lovers, shoppers and thrill seekers – will top the charts.

"It's going to be exciting to watch the park develop," he said. "We have plans to hook up with a major recording label and bring in big-name entertainers. We are going to put together a first-class park."

Calendar
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August

12	Alumni Association Board Meeting
17	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon
19	Freshmen Move-In and Legacy Luncheon
23	Classes Begin
24	Grand Opening Herbert and Sylvia Fisher Student Center

September

5	Labor Day UNCW Offices Closed
18	*Leadership Lecture Series** Zana Briski Documentary *Born into Brothels*
20	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon
21	North Carolina Symphony*
24-28	Chamber Theatre*
30	Wilmington Symphony*

October

2	UNCW Wind Symphony*
7-10	Fall Break
11	School of Nursing Alumni Reception Winston Salem UNCW Jazz Ensembles*
12	Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg (Classical Violinist)*
13	Midnight Madness
14	*Arts in Action** Los Angeles Guitar Quartet with Luciana Souza
18	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon
18-19	Seahawk Salute
20-22	Fall Alumni Weekend
25	*Guest Artist Recital** Tami Tango Trio
26	North Carolina Symphony*
27	*Arts in Action** Chanticleer "Love's Messengers"
28	Comedian Shelley Berman*
31	UNCW Wind Symphony

November

4	Alumni Association Board Meeting Wilmington Symphony*
6	*Leadership Lecture Series** Carlos Fuentes, "Globalization: A New Deal for a New Age"
8	Evening of Brass*
9	David Grisman Quintet with Old School Freight Train*
22-26	Thanksgiving Break
27-29	Moscow Ballet*

December

1	UNCW Jazz Ensembles*
2-3	Wilmington Symphony*
3	North Carolina Symphony*
3	Holiday Open House Wise Alumni House
6	Last Day Classes
8-15	Final Exams
12	Fall Semester Ends
15	Senior Sankofa
16	Commencement
18	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon

January

6	Alumni Association Board Meeting
17	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon

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Sammy the Seahawk outside the Student Union with the "Spirit Rock."
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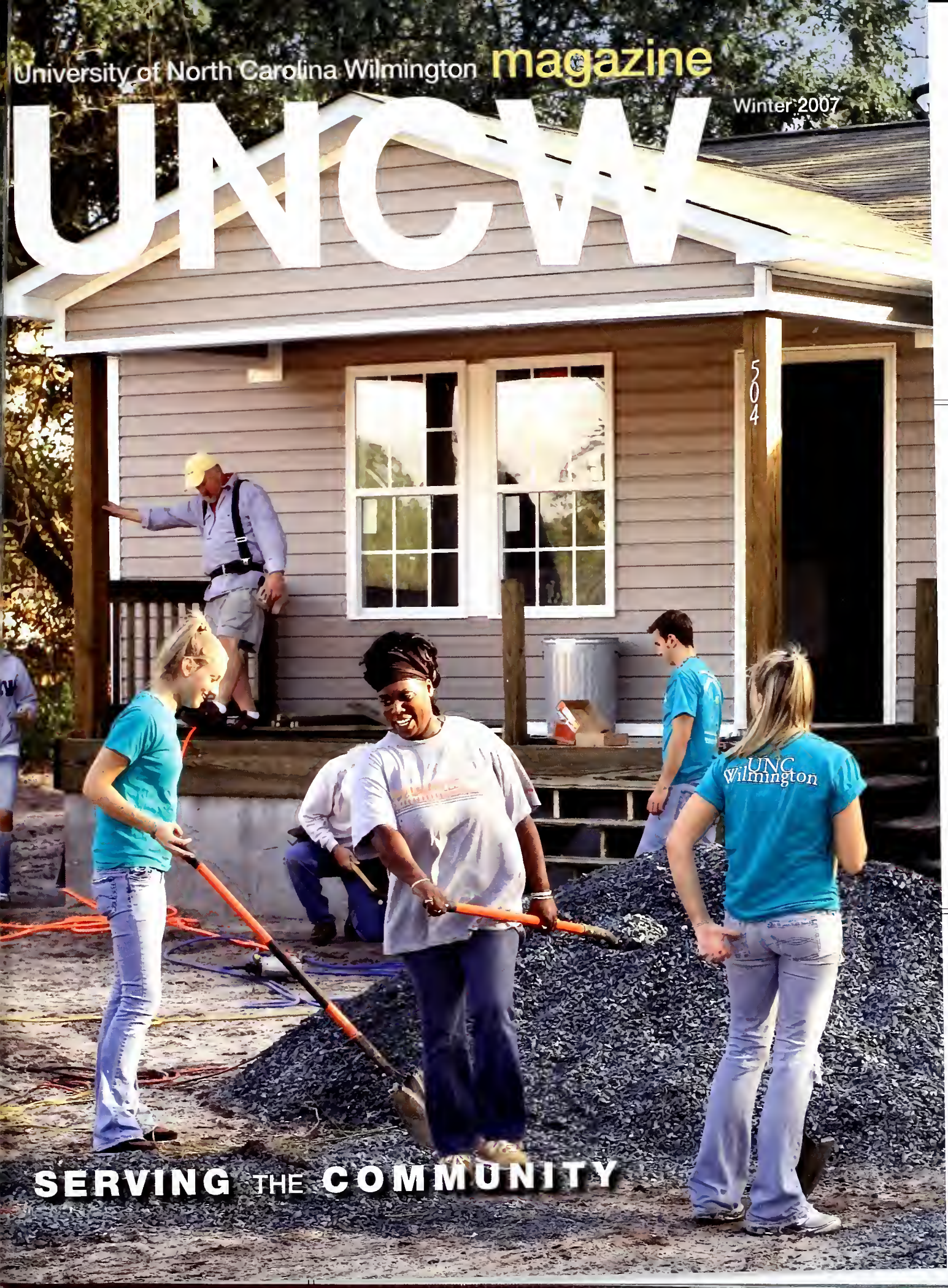

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Dear Alumni and Friends,

With the flurry of the holidays now behind us and a fresh new year ahead, it's a good time to reflect on some of the accomplishments of the fall semester. Let me begin with our students.

UNCW continues to attract bright, talented students. In fact, UNCW had the highest three-year increase in SAT averages among the 16-campus UNC system. Our current freshman class overall has an average SAT score of 1149 and a high school GPA average of 3.68. Furthermore, UNCW was the first choice for 74 percent of our freshmen.

Total enrollment, including residential and extension students, is 12,098. Our percentage of students of color now stands at about 10 percent. Our transfer numbers have risen 32 percent over the past five years with many of them coming Cape Fear, Coastal Carolina, Wake, Brunswick and Southeastern Community Colleges.

Graduate enrollment hit a historic high, both in terms of absolute numbers (1,143 in fall 2006) and as a percentage of the student population (9.4 percent). This total includes 1,034 residential students and 109 extension students.

Inside *UNCW Magazine* is an artist's rendering for the new School of Nursing Building, as well as an update on other construction projects around campus. We expect to begin construction on the $31.1 million, 80,000-square-foot nursing facility later this year, with an estimated move-in date around spring 2009. This new facility will enable UNCW to double the size of its nursing enrollment and thereby dramatically increase the number of nursing graduates in the state.

Another highlight of fall 2006 was the premiere of a UNCW-TV produced documentary about the Montford Point Marines, which was based on a book written by retired history professor Melton McLaurin on the first black Marines who fought in WWII. Documentary narrator Lou Gossett Jr. came to campus for the Nov. 14 premiere. We are actively marketing the program to a variety of national venues, including PBS.

This fall, I had the pleasure of inducting eight new faculty members into the $1 Million Dollar Club, a designation for faculty who bring in grants or contracts totaling a million dollars or more. We also started a new $5 Million Club, with 11 inaugural members – Daniel G. Baden, Lawrence B. Cahoon, Michael J. Durako, Leslie S. Langer, Lynn A. Leonard, James F. Merritt, Steven Miller, Marvin K. Moss, Martin H. Posey, Andrew N. Shepard and Robert I. Wicklund. Congratulations to you all!

Grants and contract activity during 2005-06 reflects the trend that began a few years ago toward larger and more multi-disciplinary proposals. UNCW received 216 awards totaling $17,859,449. This research productivity of our faculty allows us to continue to involve both graduate and undergraduate students in meaningful, high-level research projects.

Finally, if you wish to learn more about what's happening at UNCW, I invite you to go to my Web site, uncw.edu/chancellor, and review the State of the University Address I presented Sept. 28 as well as the 2005-06 *UNCW Annual Report*.

As always, I encourage your calls, letters and e-mails, and appreciate your continued support for this great university.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor

On the cover:
On Oct. 28, 2006, members of the UNCW Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity helped Navassa resident Kamili Cobb, center, realize her dream of home ownership. Freshmen Hannah Meuser, left, and Carrie Williams, right, spread gravel in the driveway. Others helped with the front porch railing and closet shelving. The UNCW Center for Leadership Education and Service reported that in 2005-06 students volunteered 30,174 hours of their time, valued at more than a half million dollars. UNCW was listed on the first-ever President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, a national recognition of distinguished community service.

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YEAR OF THE Arts UNCW

Gala opening

CULTURAL ARTS BUILDING

The second of three historic cultural events for UNCW's Year of the Arts takes place Jan. 25 through Jan. 28 when UNCW celebrates the official inauguration of the Cultural Arts Building, the university's new academic, exhibit and performance venue for art, music and theatre.

The four-day celebration will feature performances and exhibits in each of the new state-of-the-art venues, including the art gallery, recital hall, and proscenium theatre.

In addition to tours of the new facilities, the weekend will include a retrospective of works by the nationally renowned Wilmington artist Claude Howell, a program of select theatrical highlights and a line-up of musical guests including pianist Andreas Klein, the Winard Harper Sextet with Department of Music alumnus Sean Higgins '03, and the Ciompi Quartet and Vocal Arts Ensemble.

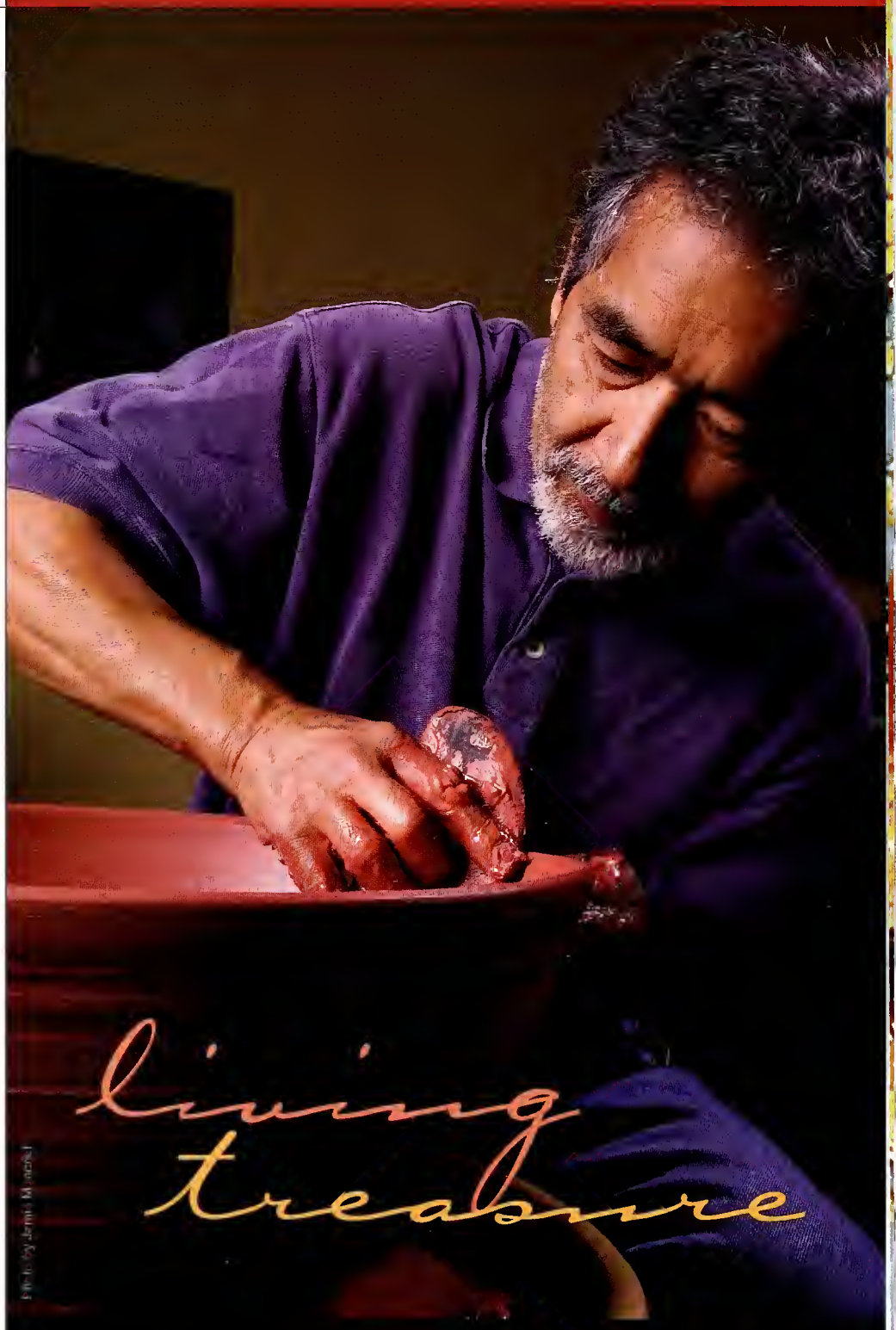
UNCW's Year of the Arts kicked off in September with the re-opening of the renovated Kenan Auditorium and performance of *Mood Indigo: A Tribute to Duke Ellington*. It concludes in July with Carolina Ballet's new summer dance residency and a premiere performance by the internationally acclaimed ensemble.

Frank Ciampone, chair of the UNCW Department of Music, was in the mood when UNCW kicked off its Year of the Arts celebration in September with *Mood Indigo: A Tribute to Duke Ellington*. The production, one of the first to be held in the newly renovated Kenan Auditorium, was created and produced through the joint efforts of the Cape Fear Jazz Society, WHQR-91.3 FM and UNCW's Departments of Creative Writing and Music and Office of Cultural Arts.

National rankings celebrate excellence at UNCW

UNCW has been recognized by three national publications for academic excellence and affordable costs.

- For the ninth consecutive year, UNCW is one of the top 10 public master's universities in the South in annual rankings by *U.S.News & World Report*. UNCW ranks seventh in the 2007 edition, as it has for six out of the past nine years. Among the 127 public and private universities in the South that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs, UNCW improved its overall ranking to 20th this year.
- UNCW received the 2007 "Best in the Southeast" designation by *The Princeton Review*. On *Princeton Review's* list of 150 "Best Value" colleges, UNCW is designated as one of the best overall bargains – based on cost and financial aid – among the most academically outstanding colleges in the nation.
- *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* ranked UNCW 47th on its list of 50 "best values" among the nation's public colleges and universities.



living treasure

Potter Hiroshi Sueyoshi is the 2006 North Carolina Living Treasure, an award presented by the William Madison Randall Library and Museum of World Cultures at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. His works in porcelain and clay, which celebrate the beauty of sculptural form in objects of use, have been exhibited nationally in private, corporate and institutional collections, including the Renwick Gallery in the National Museum of American Art. Sueyoshi is the master artist in residence at the Cameron Art Museum's Pencne Education Center.

research

In uncharted territory

Amanda Maness, UNCW graduate student, is mapping the Oculina coral reefs off the coast of Florida. Her research may play a key note in fisheries management in that area.

"We're giving the management entities the scientific data to identify coverage of protected areas as well as cover uncharted parts of the protected area," she said. Maness is one of the first to use the Eagle Ray, a one-ton, $1.5 million autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) unveiled in August by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Association's Undersea Research Center at UNCW's Center for Marine Science.

Doing research for her master's degree in marine science in 2005, Maness used the much smaller Phantom ROV (remotely operated vehicle) and a leased multibeam sonar to map and video 88.3 square kilometers of the protected seabed, offering the highest resolution bathymetric maps in the area to date.

With a computer application software developed by Dave Crist '06, a computer science major, Amanda converted acoustic measurements obtained from the sonar into information that quantified the amount of coral on the reef and then used mapping software to display it as a 3-D image.

Maness also used about 15 hours of video of the area to further identify the "humps and bumps" where coral might be located. The data collected includes identification of smaller mounds located off the main reef, indicating that younger Oculina varicosa coral heads are being restored.

"The science is so new, there haven't been that many papers published on this. It's pretty cutting edge as far as ocean science goes," said Maness.

Using the Eagle Ray, Maness should be able to get more accurate data, much more quickly.

"You can get more science done cheaper and faster and get the information for management," she said. "I can show them where the features are, what to look for and protect."

Oculina Banks, the largest habitat of the ivory tree coral, is one of the first deep-water coral reefs protected by the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council. Over the years, it provided valuable habitat for grouper and snapper, but because of damage to the reefs caused by rock shrimp fishermen during the 1970s, '80s and '90s, the fish population has been declining. A 1,029-square-kilometer area is now closed to fishing.

The crew prepares the Eagle Ray AUV for deployment.

Photo by Aaron Alexander

Kim Watford, right, of the Florida Department of Health, checks Coke Handgen's ability to expel air before and after exposure to red tide as part of the Red Tide Aerosols and Respiratory Illness Research Study in Sarasota, Fla. UNCW is a partner in the research project. *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*/Rob Mattson

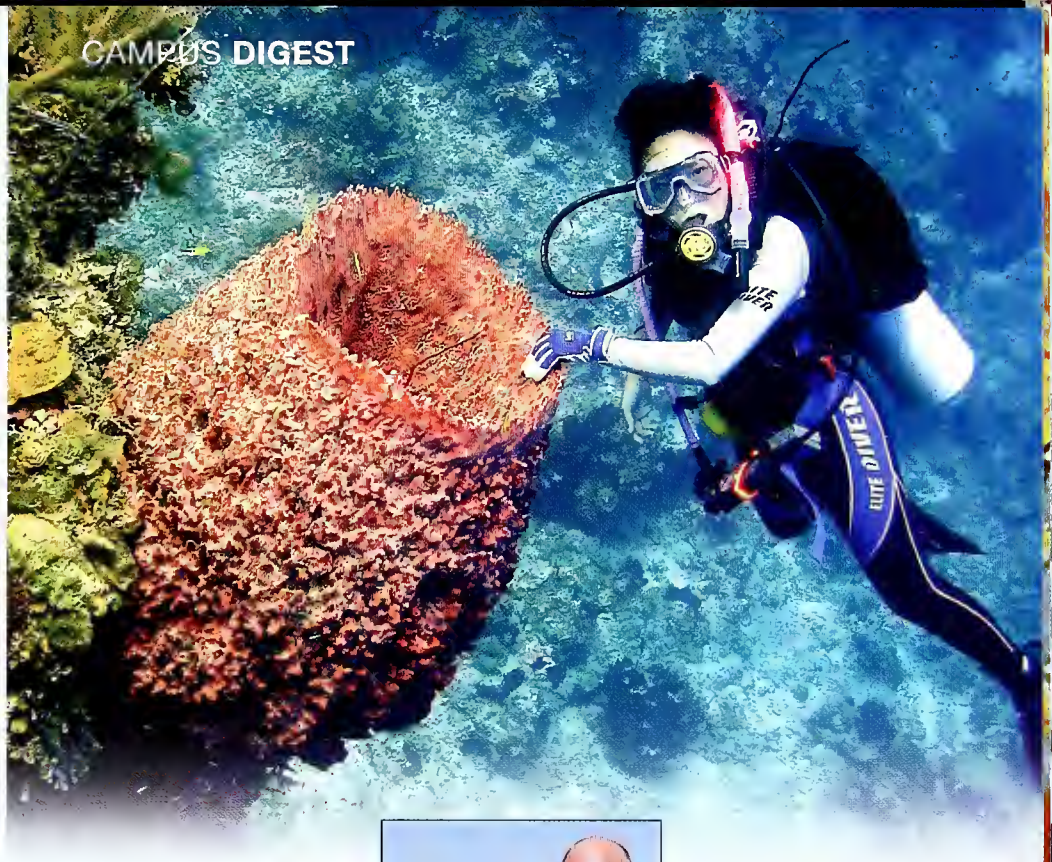
$7.53 million grant fuels study of red tide toxins

Red tide, naturally occurring algae that "bloom" along Florida's Gulf Coast, emits harmful toxins, which irritate the eyes and lungs of beachgoers. It poisons fish and marine mammals. But it may also provide compounds that treat cystic fibrosis and other lung diseases.

UNCW received a five-year $7.53 million grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to continue its study of the chronic effects of red tide brevotoxins and their potential as a therapeutic agent. Research over the past six years has yielded more than 80 published articles detailing findings and three patents dealing with seafood poisoning and pulmonary therapeutics.

UNCW researchers involved include: Daniel Baden, William R. Kenan Distinguished Professor of Marine Sciences and program director for the study; Carmelo Tomas, professor of biology and marine biology; Andrea Bourdelais and Jerome Naar, research associate professors; Sophie Michelliza, Henry Jacocks and Thomas Schuster, research assistant professors.

Project collaborators include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Florida Department of Health, Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute, Mote Marine Laboratory, the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science and Mount Sinai Medical Center of Miami Beach.



Connie Yee, a graduate student from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, is pictured with a giant barrel sponge. Yee participated in the summer 2003 research cruise which UNCW professor Joe Pawlik hosted.

Fulbright visiting scholar Susanna Lopez-Legentil and Joe Pawlik in June at Conch Reef.

Sponges under stress

When giant barrel sponges are under stress, they can experience fatal bleaching, turning into something that looks like "white bread in water." What causes this stress is unknown, but one UNCW researcher has discovered something that plays a significant role.

"I have isolated the stress protein in this sponge. This is the first time it has been done," said Susanna Lopez-Legentil, a Fulbright Visiting Scholar working with Joe Pawlik, professor of biology and marine biology. In her lab at the UNCW Center for Marine Science, she is subjecting the stress or "heat shock" protein to variations in salinity and temperature in an attempt to understand what is stressing the giant barrel sponges.

Lopez-Legentil is a postdoctoral researcher from the University of Barcelona, Spain. She became interested in studying with Pawlik after meeting him at a conference, where they learned of their shared interest in marine chemical ecology.

In June, the National Science Foundation awarded Pawlik a $524,000 four-year grant to continue his work. He has been monitoring the sponges, called the "redwoods of the reef," since 1997 and has amassed the first comprehensive set of basic demographic data on the species.

by Brenda Riegel

Transform

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SHAPE STUDENT EXPERIENCES

As new buildings crop up around campus, the physical transformations are both exciting and easy to see.

However, the experiential transformations for students as a result of these new facilities are even more impressive.

Cultural Arts Bulding

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

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Proposed School of Nursing Building

The **School of Nursing Building** led both the capital project requests for the UNC system and the General Assembly's list of capital projects. It will allow UNCW to address the critical shortage of nurses in innovative and effective ways.

"We've committed to doubling our enrollment as soon as we are able to provide the physical space and the faculty to accommodate that growth," said Dean Virginia Adams. The $30.1 million building will include more space for clinical simulation labs, allowing for even more state-of-the-art simulation technology in the nursing curriculum.

Groundbreaking is expected to take place in spring 2007, and the building, which will be located across from Dobo Hall, is expected to be ready for classes by spring 2009.

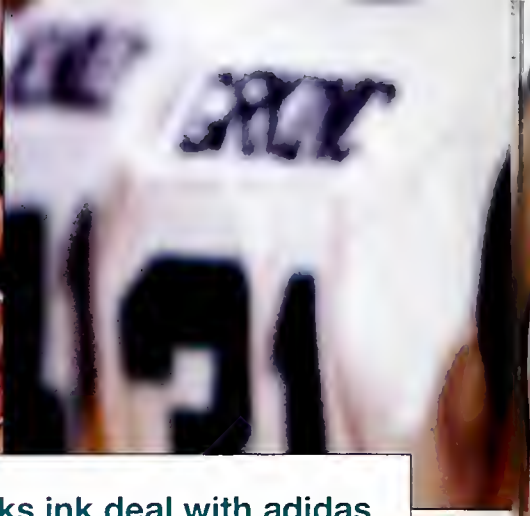
What will you find in the new **Herbert and Sylvia Fisher Student Center** on a typical day? Students sprawling on sofas between classes, joining friends for a meal or a game, using their laptops to work on assignments or picking up movie tickets at the box office. Located in the heart of campus, this 70,000-square-foot building officially opened in July 2006 and is a true hub for student activities and interaction.

Senior Adam Wade, president of the UNCW Student Ambassadors, said the Fisher Student Center enhances the campus. "There are so many places for students to hang out together, whether they are in the many lounge spaces, the bookstore or the Varsity Café. I don't think anyone could walk through the building without seeing someone they know."

The new **Cultural Arts Building** is already having an impact on students and faculty. According to Theatre Program Director Paul Castagno, this center for the visual and performing arts and its state-of-the-art amenities are making it easier to recruit the most talented students. Classes began in the 106,860-square-foot building in September. Both the classroom wing and performance wing with its proscenium and black box theatres and recital hall were complete and ready for utilization in late November.

Completed in December, the **Computer Information Systems Building** is unique because it was designed to house two technology-intensive academic departments. Computer science and information systems and operations management (ISOM) have a joint master's program, and now, a shared 53,731-square-foot facility. ISOM Chair Cem Canel said the building features a financial trading floor, networking lab for upper level classes, more space for graduate and faculty research, computer graphics lab and "sandboxes" – smaller, practical spaces for students to work on group projects and presentations.

Seahawk Landing, the second phase of on-campus apartments, is well underway. The project is 25 percent complete with all seven buildings framed and roofed and brick work begun. According to Ed Shuford, director of project management, the apartments will be ready for 603 students to move in Aug. 1.



Seahawks ink deal with adidas

UNCW teamed up with adidas in a five-year agreement that makes the manufacturing giant the official footwear and apparel provider for its 19 intercollegiate teams.

"This is a major step in the overall branding process for our athletic program," said Mike Capaccio, director of athletics. "We are joining other adidas schools at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics. Our program will also benefit from increased credibility as we move forward with merchandising our name and brand."

UNCW joins an elite list of institutions under the adidas banner, including national powerhouses Notre Dame, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Kansas, Louisville, Indiana, Pittsburgh and UCLA.

"We're proud to be associated with the UNCW student-athletes, coaches and administrators," said Richard Spanjian, vice-president for adidas/team division. "We believe the program is one that embodies the spirit of competition, sportsmanship and scholarship."

Students cheer during the Midnite Madness celebration that officially kicked off the 2006-07 basketball season at UNCW.

For the first time in more than 10 years, the players' names are stitched on the back of uniforms at UNCW. Coach Benny Moss thinks it will instill pride in his players and draw new fans to the program.

Photo by Matt Born / Wilmington STAR-NEWS

Former Tennessee standout and University of Nevada-Las Vegas assistant coach Adam Carey is the new men's tennis head coach at UNCW. He is only the fourth coach in the history of the program after Larry Honeycutt, Allen Farfour and Rodrigo Gili.

Chris Walker is the new executive director of the Seahawk Club. He also serves as associate athletic director for development. Walker was previously associate athletic director for development at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where he managed day-to-day operations of the Mustang Club, the school's booster organization. Under his direction, membership and fund raising in the Mustang Club increased by eight percent.

Student-athletes remain strong academically

UNCW's student-athletes finished first among UNC schools and tied for second among Colonial Athletic Association institutions for their academic work, according to the second round of National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I graduation rate data released in November by the NCAA.

The Seahawks earned a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) rate of 87 percent for student-athletes entering as freshmen in 1999-00. That put UNCW ahead of all other state system schools, including UNC Chapel Hill (81 percent) and N.C. State (69 percent).

UNCW tied for second among CAA members with Delaware. William & Mary's 96 percent rate topped the conference list.

"We have graded out well in both of the fall reports from the NCAA, and we're very pleased with that," said Mike Capaccio, UNCW's athletic director. "We're very proud of our student-athletes and their ability to balance their time between academics and athletics. It's very difficult sometimes, but they realize why they are here and what's at stake for them in the long run."

In September, the NCAA released data that focused on each of UNCW's teams, and the Seahawks were in good stead. The men's basketball team tied for the highest rate among their peers in the CAA and tied for second among the state's institutions. In baseball, the Seahawks placed second behind William & Mary in the CAA. The Tribe checked in at 89 percent, compared to 81 percent for UNCW.

Two Seahawk programs – men's soccer and women's tennis – scored a perfect 100 percent on the GSR. Five other sports broke the 90 percent mark.

The GSR is an NCAA formula that tracks players who enrolled as freshmen or transferred into a program from junior college or a four-year school. It does not penalize a team for players who leave school if they have eligibility remaining and are in good academic standing.

Frank Bongiorno (1, right), professor and chair of the Department of Music, received the Fifth Annual J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award. The award, based on service, student support effort, leadership roles, and community service/outreach efforts, was presented on behalf of the UNCW Alumni Association and its Past Chair's Council. Bongiorno has taught saxophone and jazz studies at UNCW since 1982. His students have received national and international recognition by *Down Beat* magazine and *Jazzfest USA*, among others. He is an active recitalist, orchestral soloist, jazz artist and clinician and also performs as a member of the renowned Ryoanji Duo. Crews offers his congratulations to Bongiorno.

Debra Saunders-White (2) is the new vice chancellor for UNCW's Information Technology Systems Division. Formerly the vice president of technology at Hampton University, she was named one of Hampton Roads 50 Most Influential People and has been listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who Among Women in America three times.

Billy F. King (3) is the assistant vice chancellor for economic and workforce development and is working to define and communicate UNCW's economic vision and plan. The former BellSouth Corp. executive will be a liaison between UNCW and local, regional and state businesses supporting UNC President Erskine Bowles' strategic priority for maintaining North Carolina's competitiveness in today's global marketplace.

Rebecca Lee (4), associate professor of creative writing, had her novel *The City Is a Rising Tide* published by Simon and Schuster. *Publishers Weekly* describes the book as "a portrait of a perceptive yet lost woman who traces her own self-destruction with the same patient helplessness with which she loves."

Rodney Hagley (5), a biology faculty member, is one of only 15 undergraduate educators nationally chosen as a 2006-07 Scholar-In-Residence with the American Society for Microbiology. He will spend the next year partnering in research with the Carnegie Foundation Scholars and the American Society for Microbiology, the world's largest society of individuals involved in microbiological sciences.

Ringo, a short film directed by assistant film studies professor **David Monahan**, won the 2006 Short Film: Animation Grand Jury Prize at the Seattle International Film Festival. It includes a cash award of $2,500. The film tells the story of an ill-fated friendship between ruthless outlaw, John Wayne, and righteous lawman, Roy Rogers, whose performances were created by scavenging serial westerns each made in the 1930s and 40s. Film studies students Josh Woll, Philip Mozolak, Jacob Rudolph, Daniel Thornbury and Christopher Bowen served as sequence and assistant editors on the project.

Congressman Mike McIntyre signs a check for more than $260,000 to UNCW's CARE program to help prevent campus violence. Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo was on hand with Rebecca Caldwell, project director of CARE's Department of Education grant project, to accept the money.

Safe environment is goal of funding

UNCW's Collaboration for Assault Response and Education (CARE) will receive $260,304 in federal funds over the next two years to help prevent violent behavior among college students.

"Tomorrow's leaders are being educated, nurtured and molded at UNCW. These federal funds will help ensure that their education is done in the most safe and secure environment, and I commend UNCW for this CARE initiative. It will truly make a difference," said U.S. Rep Mike McIntyre (D-NC) who presented the check in August.

UNCW's outreach to students will include a special focus on men's role in preventing violence on campus and in society.

"Our ultimate goal is to create a model relationship violence prevention and response program, including innovative new assessment tools, campus policies and procedures, and programs for all members of the community, for other campuses to duplicate in their own efforts to address these issues," said Rebecca Caldwell, director of substance abuse and violence prevention. "This grant project will afford us the opportunity to become a national leader and contribute to the entire field of collegiate violence prevention."

Teacher education gets national honor

UNCW was one of the two public universities nationwide honored for leadership and innovation in teacher education with the 2006 Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence in Teacher Education, presented by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

The award recognized the Learning-Centered Cognitive Coaching Model partnership program in the Watson School of Education that connects university faculty and student educators with more than 100 P-12 schools in Southeastern North Carolina. This innovative program, designed by UNCW, gives teachers a different way to work with students that is not "sit and get," but rather focuses on exploration, inquiry and teachers' adjusting delivery based on student capabilities.

"What sets this learning-centered program apart from others is that the Watson School has developed methods to document and measure teacher effectiveness and consequently student success. Through documentation with our partner schools, we have evidence that the cognitive coaching model improves student learning," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

"Truly, it's about more than publishing.

I wanted to create books ever since I could pick one up and know what it was. I made my first book with my mother's office duplicator at age 4 and have been in love with books ever since.

That is the motivator – to see light bulbs come on, to broaden students by challenging them to translate their creations visually."

Barbara Brannon

Graduate teaching assistant Kerry Molessa works at the binder as Barbara Brannon, director of UNC Wilmington's Publishing Laboratory, offers instructions to student Nadya Robles.

for the Love of Books

by Joy C. Davis '07

The word "laboratory" often conjures up images of dark rooms, bizarre chemical combinations and workers in white coats. The University of North Carolina Wilmington Publishing Laboratory offers a far different experience. In this unique lab, the essence of crisply cut paper and the staccato rhythm of students typing on keyboards lingers in the air as machinery offers a curiously comforting warmth.

The lab is a valuable element of the Creative Writing department, because "for most writers the world of publishing is a complete mystery. The lab gives students real hands-on experience with all aspects of publishing – editing, book design and marketing – helping us fulfill both the artistic and vocational needs of our students," said Chair Phil Furia.

Graduate assistant Alison Harney agreed: "For many, all of these questions arise about how to earn a living after achieving an MFA degree. The Publishing Lab allows us to foresee work in the industry while still pursuing our own writing craft."

A rare treasure, few other post-secondary institutions have a program with the capabilities of the UNCW Publishing Lab. The lab represents a microcosm of the processes and economics of book publishing in the larger world by using print-on-demand technology to design and manufacture short print runs ranging from a single copy to thousands.

Under the visionary guidance of producer, literary agent and former HarperCollins publisher Stanley Colbert, the Pub Lab produced its first publication, a reprint of J. Marshall Crews' history of Wilmington College, in 2001.

Since 2002, the Pub Lab has operated under the direction of Barbara Brannon, a veteran editor and publisher who also teaches classes in editing, publishing and the art of bookbuilding. Bindery equipment, provided initially by a grant from the Friends of UNCW, is maintained by graduate teaching assistants Alison Harney, Kerry Molessa and Sumanth Prabhaker, who also oversee the graphic design of the department's promotional communications.

As a teaching tool to enrich both undergraduate and graduate creative writing courses, the lab provides students with what professor Mark Cox called "the ability to hold the work, see the beautiful art – to see how the font, the typography and the cover art match up with the content and the vision of the author." Alison Harney likened the book building experience to "constructing a sculpture."

Brannon remarked, "We not only enable students to publish their visions in tangible forms like chapbooks (a small collection of works), but also support the surrounding community by producing niche regional works that might pass under the radar. We take pride in being a specialty press for unusual books."

The Pub Lab published its first novel, Sorayya Khan's *Noor*, in 2005. Other publications include the textbook and reader *Show & Tell: Writers on Writing*, and local works like Audubon North Carolina Education Director Andy Wood's *Backyard Carolina: Two Decades of Public Radio Commentary*. The lab also lends its expertise to the Creative Writing department's national literary journal *Ecotone*, published twice a year.

The statistics are staggering

A national report ranks North Carolina as the 14th heaviest state, with 63 percent of the population either overweight or obese. An estimated 14 percent of all preventable deaths in North Carolina are related to poor diet and physical inactivity.

"Realistically, probably three-fourths of the population of New Hanover County is overweight or obese because people tend to underreport their weight," said Terry Kinney, chair of the UNCW Department of Health and Applied Human Sciences and principal investigator of the university's obesity initiative.

"This is a serious public health problem, manifested in a variety of diseases and disabilities including a diabetes epidemic, and has enormous economic consequences. The United States spends $78 billion a year on

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by Mimi Cunningham

obesity health-related issues," he said. In 2004, a number of community nonprofits and health-related service providers in Southeastern North Carolina recognized that obesity was a significant health threat and something needed to be done. Acting independently of each other, they wrote grant proposals to the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Foundation, both of which fund health care initiatives.

Bombarded with a host of fragmented applications, the foundations asked Connie Parker, executive director of Wilmington Health Access for Teens (WHAT), to bring together all the organizations that provide services for obesity and develop a comprehensive plan.

In January 2005, John H. Frank, director of the health care division of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, and Garry Garris of Cape Fear Memorial Foundation addressed a forum of nonprofits and health providers. Their message was clear: they were willing to support a joint collaborative project but not individual ones.

In the meantime, under the leadership of Steve Demski, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies, a group of UNCW faculty and staff began meeting to see how UNCW could address obesity concerns in the area, building on existing faculty research strengths related to obesity and healthy living.

The two groups became aware of what the other was doing as they cross solicited community and university participation in their initiatives. At this point, Demski asked Lynn Smithdeal, faculty liaison for community engagement in the Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies, to bring the two groups together under the umbrella of a revitalized Cape Fear Healthy Carolinians comprised of approximately 50 agencies in Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

Cape Fear Healthy Carolinians established obesity prevention as one of its three main focus areas, and Smithdeal was selected chair of the Obesity Prevention Committee in September 2005.

A comprehensive regional obesity prevention action plan was developed that includes extensive community education to change eating and exercise behaviors as well as create new and expanded nutritional and exercise programs. Target audiences are school children, families in neighborhoods and adults in the workplace.

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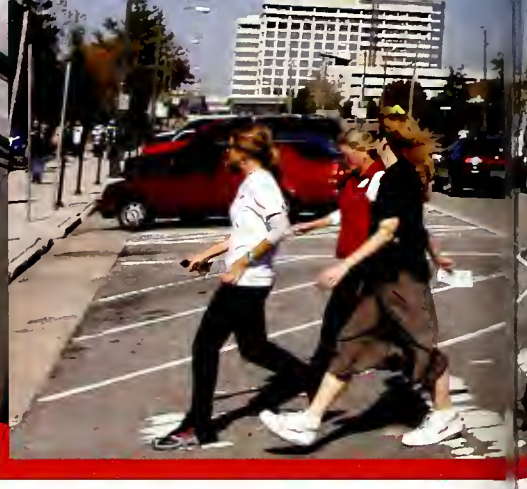

With the plan in place, the committee prepared grant proposals. During summer 2006, Kate B. Reynolds awarded $286,231 to UNCW to be used over a two-year period for projects addressing obesity among lower income and underserved adults and children in New Hanover and Brunswick County. It also provides funds to hire a health educator.

Cape Fear Memorial Foundation provided a $225,000 matching grant over three years to help fund a full-time coordinator's salary and benefits and a half-time administrative assistant. Grant-funded employees are housed at UNCW under Kinney's supervision.

To fulfill the objectives of the Kate B. Reynolds grant, the committee established partnerships with six nonprofit groups. Full implementation is expected in early 2007. UNCW is managing the grants as well as providing evaluation for these projects:

Lila Lacewell, Carol Carroll and Mary Sisson exercise in the meeting hall of Northwest's Bethel AME Church. Under the leadership of Rev. Patricia Freeman, the "Exercise Your Faith, Walk with Jesus" program partnered with four other churches, local businesses and the town of Northwest to offer the exercise program and to pave a three-quarter mile walking trail around the community's ball field. Freeman reports several people have lost 25 pounds or more through these programs.

1. James Brunson, Francis Simmons and Barbara Jenkins pose with seedlings they hope will sprout enthusiasm for growing healthier foods and a greater sense of community among the residents of Creekwood South in Wilmington. The greenhouse is part of a community gardening project, whose funding is being administered by UNCW, with assistance from the New Hanover County Cooperative Extension Service and the Wilmington Housing Authority.

2. Downtown residents and workers set off from Cape Fear Community College Nov. 17, 2006, to walk the new Downtown Loop, part of the Wilmington Walks project. Cape Fear Healthy Carolinians worked with PPD, Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington Downtown and the Wilmington Hilton Riverside to develop this 2.9-mile walking loop. As the city develops its fitness trail master plan, UNCW faculty will research community attitudes before the trails are built and a year after to see if there is any change.

Photos by James Moncrief

- 3,510 elementary school children who qualify for free or reduced lunches will utilize Recess Kits to exercise 30 minutes per day.
- 25 overweight middle school youth will receive nutritional consultations and mentoring at WHAT.
- 200 public housing youth and their families will participate in nutritional and fitness workshops and activities through the Wilmington Family YMCA.
- 10 lower income Latino families will receive nutritional and exercise consultations by the New Hanover County Partnership for Children.
- Child care providers will receive "Ms. Magic Apron" nutrition and exercise education resources from the Child Advocacy Commission for 100 children.
- Adults and their children in a Wilmington Housing Authority community will start a community garden.

UNCW faculty and students are assisting with evaluation and conducting research on these projects. For instance, Leslie Hossfeld, assistant professor of sociology, specializes in community-based participatory research, also called "public sociology." Interested in poverty in Southeastern North Carolina, she is participating in the community garden and Latino outreach. Michelle D'Abundo in HAHS also is doing research on the community garden and Wilmington Walks.

"The multi-faceted community-focused obesity prevention and healthy living effort is the perfect example of matching faculty research interests with community needs," said Kinney. "This may be one of the most visible sources of regional public service at UNCW. It advances one of the goals that Chancellor DePaolo has established and also that of UNC President Erskine Bowles, who has challenged the campuses to use the resources of the state's public universities to embrace the state's most urgent challenges."

Kinney became involved in this project when UNCW received the grants. "Steve Demski's unit was the front runner in getting this project off the ground, but his feeling is that community engagement will work best if it is affiliated with an academic unit. Health and Applied Human Sciences was the logical choice because of our department's focus on health, nutrition and physical activity," he said.

As the project has gained momentum, Kinney has recruited more than 25 faculty from across campus who want to get involved in interdisciplinary research possibilities related to the obesity prevention project. Two of the most promising opportunities for faculty research involve the community garden and the Wilmington Walks.

"There is so much more that comes out of community gardens than produce," Kinney said. "The intergenerational component brings older folks who know about gardening together with younger folks who think milk comes from a carton. The community garden provides an incredible opportunity to pass on learning. It has the potential to educate about nutrition, but also will build community, because you have all kinds of people planting, pulling weeds, and talking to each other, and they will carry that back to their neighborhood."

He noted that Wilmington Walks provides an incredible opportunity for field research. As the city develops its master plan to build a number of fitness trails, HAHS faculty are planning to research community attitudes before the trails are built and a year later to see if there is any change.

"Sociologists, health educators, and parks and recreation faculty plan to be involved. We're also exploring with geographers the feasibility of using the impressive potential of global information systems to get a spatial dimension to our research," he said.

"This project has ignited interdisciplinary interest across campus, and we want to capitalize on that and perhaps turn this into a Center for Health and Lifestyle Research and Service. Academic departments tend to become compartmentalized, and there's not enough sharing of talent. The obesity prevention project will allow us to create an infrastructure to build upon that energy and enthusiasm and allow sustainability."

When Alison Saville came on board in August as coordinator of the Obesity Prevention Program, she brought experience with Cape Fear Healthy Carolinians.

"Although it had existed in the mid-90s, it became inactive and was just recertified in 2006," explained Saville. "Certification gives credibility to this effort to work with multiple agencies – governments, schools, non-profits – and holds us to strict standards."

In addition to obesity prevention, Healthy Carolinians has two other priorities – violence prevention and access to health care. UNCW has played a leadership role, particularly to get the obesity prevention initiative started, providing grant writing skills and hiring staff.

"Terry and I want to see faculty and students involved with evaluation and applied research," said Saville. "Faculty need research and publications, and community agencies need help with evaluation. We believe the obesity prevention initiative will be a model for other projects such as behavioral health and violence prevention."

making connections

by Dana Fischetti

NETWORK PREPARES STUDENTS FOR THE

Many Wilmington residents have been CEOs and presidents of major corporations. They have held senior management positions with Fortune 500 companies and have been successful entrepreneurs. Collectively, they have hundreds of years of experience in industries ranging from pharmaceuticals to investment banking.

So, what's the next challenge for executives with this kind of track record? For members of the Cameron Executive Network (CEN), it's using their skills and experiences to mentor the next generation.

A unique university-community partnership, the CEN recruits active and retired executives to work with students as one-on-one mentors as well as guest lecturers and resume consultants. It may be the only program in the nation that provides executive mentoring for undergraduate business students. Larry Clark, dean of the Cameron School of Business, credits the program's success to the combination of Wilmington's executive talent and the openness of Cameron School faculty to external assistance.

"Our faculty see the executives in our community as an incredible learning resource for our students," he said. "We are intently focused on integrating 'real world' experiences into our academic programs and clearly the CEN is consistent with that."

CEN mentor Chad Paul said the program would not be possible without the trust that has been built between the faculty and the executives.

"Basically, the faculty has let the infidels into the building," he joked. "They allow us to be a part of the academic process and put their reputations on the line, because they see the value for student learning. They want to help students connect what they're learning in the classroom to real world applications."

The CEN was the brainchild of the Cameron School's external affairs committee, which recognized that Wilmington's treasure trove of management experience could be mined to benefit students. Retired executives and committee members Skip Jones and Dick Verrone ran with the idea, recruiting a handful of their personal executive contacts to serve as the first mentors. Now in its fifth year, the program has grown to about 105 executives who will mentor more than 200 students this year.

"We had all these retired executives sitting right here at our doorstep, but we didn't have anything for them to do other than come talk to a class," said Verrone. "We needed to get them personally invested in student success, and we found them to be more than willing."

One of the most valuable roles CEN mentors play for students is assisting them in securing internships, which helps them develop marketable skills and build their resumes. Mentors also advise students on developing career plans, preparing their resumes, dressing and practicing for job interviews, choosing a first job that will further their career goals and understanding the expectations and politics of the workplace.

Many executives keep in touch with their mentees long after they graduate and help them with issues such as finding a new job two or three years out of college. They also have been invited to their students' weddings, and some visit with their mentees when they return to Wilmington.

"The mentoring program has succeeded far beyond our wildest dreams," said Jones. "That's been driven by the talents, ingenuity and commitment of these executives. They will tell you they get as much or more out of the experience as the students do."

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As more executives got involved in CEN, student interest grew as well. The program is open to junior and senior business majors, and executives usually mentor one to three students at a time. There is currently a waiting list of students who have applied to be matched with a mentor.

"The CEN is gaining momentum with the student body," said Verrone. "Because it's voluntary, it has taken awhile to catch on. Now students understand what the program is and how beneficial it is. They've seen what other students they know have gotten out of the mentoring relationship."

The group also has grown in diversity, adding executive members from many different professional backgrounds and working to encourage women and minorities to participate. Mentoring pairs are matched through a self-selection process, with potential mentors and students having the opportunity each semester to meet one another at a "mixer" and develop a rapport.

"Whatever a student is interested in or wants to explore, there is someone in the CEN who has been there and had that experience," said Jones. "We want to find the right match so the relationship works well for both the mentor and the student. This is an opportunity to build a relationship that can be lifelong, and you have to have a strong personal chemistry to make that work."

Martha Bachman and Valerie DuBois

Exchange student Valerie DuBois is attending the Cameron School through the TransAtlantic Business School Alliance (TABSA). A finance major, she studied for two years at Euromed Marseille Ecole de Management in France, and she is completing two years at UNCW. She will earn degrees from both universities.

Her mentor, Martha Bachman, has held numerous management positions in the commercial insurance industry and is CEO of Bachman Associates, an insurance litigation consulting firm.

Bachman said DuBois is highly motivated and has needed little assistance in setting or meeting academic goals. However, as an international student, she did need help navigating the cultural differences between France and the U.S., particularly when applying and interviewing for internships.

"Martha helped me to write my resume and cover letters, which is so important," said DuBois. "They are not done the same here as they are in France. Martha has experience with hiring people, and she knows what is attractive in a resume and what employers are looking for. She also helped me to practice and prepare for interviews."

Bachman said TABSA students face different challenges than American students, and mentors can assist them with small things like establishing a bank account or getting a cell phone. She has helped her new mentee, Kim Lam Van, as he settled into life at UNCW this fall.

"It's almost a surrogate parent role, because their parents aren't here to help," she explained. "If we can help them take care of some of these necessities, then they can start to focus on their academic experience at UNCW and their career plans."

DuBois is completing her internship with Irongate Partners, a financial planning firm in Wilmington. She will graduate in May and plans to return to France and pursue a master's degree in finance.

Photos by Jimmie M Harrell

Nick Rhodes and Selika Newton

Selika Newton is a non-traditional student, a senior accounting major who is married with three children. As a full-time student, a spouse and a parent, her mentoring needs are different than those of a traditional undergraduate.

When an internship opportunity came up with the Army Corps of Engineers, Newton was hesitant to apply because of all the other commitments in her life. Her mentor, Nick Rhodes, convinced her that the experience was critical to her professional growth.

"I talked to Nick, and he said I really should look into this," she said. "He helped me fill out the application and prepare for the interview, and his background in the military was really helpful."

Recently elected to the New Hanover County Board of Education, Rhodes served for 21 years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, managing business activities related to defense contractors, and later worked as a senior manager for Arthur D. Little and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

"This internship was perfect for Selika," he said. "It gave her a way to gain experience and still take care of her family, and it was even flexible enough to allow her to work between classes. She could see what accounting is really like and whether she wants to work in a government job."

Newton said the internship experience has been invaluable and may result in a full-time position when she graduates. She credits Rhodes with encouraging her to get as much as she can out of her college experience.

"It's amazing when you find someone who is willing to go the extra mile for you and doesn't ask for anything in return except for you to be successful," she said. "When problems come up, I know I can talk to Nick and get help. He'll know what to do."

Chad Paul and his "student network"

Rich Browning, Lauren Mansfield and Tim White are at different places in their careers and have diverse interests and personalities. Still, they have much to learn from each other's experiences.

Brought together by their CEN mentor, Chad Paul, they have created an informal student network for advice and support.

"The idea is to help students piggyback on the coattails of the ones that came before them," said Paul, a managing partner of Harbor Island Partners, a private equity investment firm in Wilmington. "The mentoring process is not about me – it's about the students networking and helping each other."

Paul, who earned his MBA at Harvard University, encourages his mentees to get as much real world experience as they can while still in school. Through his business connections, he assists his students in finding internships that help them further their career goals.

Browning, a 2005 graduate in finance, is now a business services officer in commercial real estate for BB&T in Melbourne, Fla. As a junior, he interned with Coastal Capital Markets, an equity trading firm, after Paul introduced him to the company's CEO over lunch.

"I started out as a coffee-retrieving photo copier and within four months I was on the trading desk," said Browning. "I traded equities, focusing primarily on home builders and large retailers. The last six months I was there, I was trading full-time. It was unbelievable to be able to put that kind of experience on my resume, which was all because of Chad."

Mansfield, a senior finance major, completed a summer internship with SunTrust and was the first person to go through the company's intensive training program as an intern. White, a former Marine, is a senior who plans to pursue a master's degree in accounting at UNCW after he graduates in May.

"Every one of these kids is qualified and competent because of the excellent academic programs at UNCW," said Paul. "I want to put them in a situation where they can continue to leverage their experience in addition to their education."

A shared passion *for* scientific inquiry

By Andrea Weaver

A partially filled glass of water begs the question: **Is it half empty or half full?**

The question is not just a matter of philosophical debate for more than 1 billion people worldwide who consume unclean drinking water. For them, it can be a matter of life or death. Their water may be full of substances – arsenic, boron, chromium, dioxins and mercury – that are toxic in certain forms, even when present in low amounts. How can scientific analysis of water contamination translate into useful, practical strategies to improve water quality?

This question inspires UNCW faculty and students to spend countless hours engaged in water quality research. Satinder "Sut" Ahuja, a scientist retired from Novartis Corp., a global leader in the pharmaceutical industry, shares their passion for solving problems through scientific inquiry.

"About 1.2 billion people worldwide drink unclean water today," Ahuja said. "By 2025, a worldwide water shortage will affect approximately 3 billion people. These are big problems, but they can be solved. I decided if we could invigorate some research in this area, it would be very helpful. UNCW already has a number of scientists working in this field, and I decided to help them."

Sut and his wife Fay donated a Brunswick County villa to the UNCW Foundation, a non-profit organization that assists the university with fund raising for educational programs and scholarships. The foundation sold the villa and, in accordance with the donors' wishes, used the proceeds to establish the Ahuja Academy for Water Quality at UNCW.

Photo by Laura Johnston

Satinder "Sut" Ahuja

Ahuja, an active member of the American Chemical Society, operates a consulting firm from his Calabash home. In December 2005, he led an international workshop on arsenic contamination in groundwater in Bangladesh. That nation borders India, where Ahuja was born, and he has long championed quality of life improvements there.

For 2006-07, the academy fully funded the Ahuja Graduate Fellowship for Water Quality Research. The first recipient, Josh Vinson '04, is pursuing a master's degree in chemistry. Future recipients may come from any of the several UNCW programs involved with water quality research.

"The Ahuja fellowship has allowed me to focus all my time and energy into my research," Vinson said. "The focus of my research is to better understand the chemical dynamics that control the rate and amount of methyl mercury that diffuses out of estuarine sediments. Methyl mercury is the most toxic form of mercury, and the form that is readily accumulated in fish and other animal tissues."

UNCW operates the only lab in North Carolina capable of handling in-depth analysis of methyl mercury, a neurotoxin that accumulates in shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish, among other seafood consumed by humans. Mercury contamination in seafood is a major concern for federal and state public health officials and the fishing industry.

Chemistry professor Robert J. "Bob" Kieber said the Ahujas' gift "resonates on so many levels. It supports students, and it helps UNCW to impart research to state and national agencies that address water quality issues. We are accomplishing two goals: we are training future scientists, and we are solving problems."

For Ahuja, the villa donation provided an effective means for generating funds to support his lifelong commitment to improving peoples' lives through scientific research.

"If you do something worthwhile, no matter how small, it benefits everyone in the long run," he said. "It will help people in North Carolina, the United States and, ultimately, the world."

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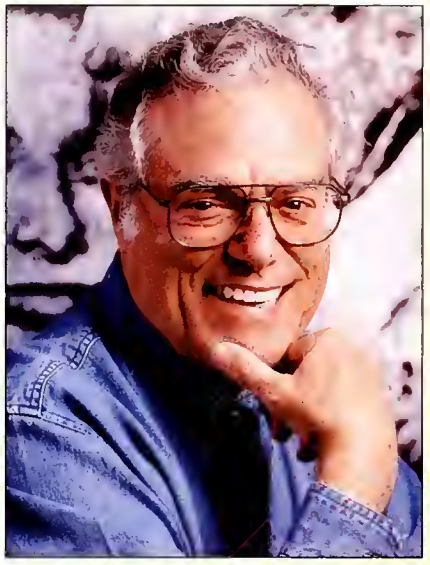

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UNCW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Awards

Top alumni honor goes to career fighter pilot

Maj. Gen. Thomas A. "Tommy" Dyches '69, assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters, is the 2007 UNCW Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year. The award recognizes his outstanding professional success and personal commitment to serving the United States.

At the Pentagon, Dyches is the principal adviser to the chairman on all matters affecting the reserve component of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and, where appropriate, the Coast Guard.

He has flown the F-100 "Super Sabre," the F-4 "Phantom" and the F-16 "Viper." He has more than 4,200 military flying hours, including combat in Southeast Asia, Bosnia and Iraq.

"I grew up in Wilmington, in Sunset Park, very close to Greenfield Lake, where my best friend Glenn Hodges '68, and I spent many blissful hours trying to figure out how to outwit the wily largemouth bass," Dyches said.

He attended UNCW for many reasons. "The university was young, vibrant and growing rapidly," Dyches said. "I figured I could get a good education there. Moreover, I had a good paying job locally, and, quite frankly, I needed the money. But the real reason was my Grandmother Vera told me to, and she was never wrong about anything."

After graduation, Dyches joined the Air Force and was commissioned through Officer Training School in December 1969. He earned his pilot wings in 1970 and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School in 1975, later serving there as an instructor pilot.

He is also a graduate of the Air Force's Air Command and Staff and Air War Colleges and has attended senior executive education programs conducted by Syracuse, Johns Hopkins and Harvard universities, as well as the National Defense University.

In 1979, he became a commercial airline pilot and joined the Air Force Reserve as a traditional reservist. Ten years later, he became an air reserve technician. Dyches' military experience includes commanding a fighter squadron, a seven-nation coalition air expeditionary wing, and the Standing Joint Force Headquarters, U.S. Southern Command, in Miami.

He has received many awards and decorations, including a Defense Superior Service Medal, a Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, and a Bronze Star Medal.

Reflecting on his career, Dyches said, "Critical thinking turned out to be perhaps the most valuable skill I started to develop at UNCW."

Film industry leader honored for service

Frank W. Capra Jr., a film industry leader, is the UNCW Alumni Association Citizen of the Year. The award recognizes his exceptional service to the university and the Wilmington community.

Capra, a distinguished visiting professor, founded the university's film studies program. He teaches courses at UNCW, including the business of film and a studio seminar class. He received an honorary doctorate from the university in 1999.

Capra is the president of EUE/Screen Gems Studios North Carolina, the largest motion picture studio east of Hollywood. He fell in love with Wilmington in 1983 while on location as producer of the film *Firestarter.*

"This award means a great deal to me," Capra said. "The university is a wonderful and great resource in this city, and I believe our studio is, too. There is a natural connection between the two."

A successful champion for the state's film industry, Capra serves on numerous boards, including the Executive Branch Committee of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the National Board of the Directors Guild of America and the N.C. Governor's Film Council.

His work spans television and movies, and a short list of his film credits includes *Death Before Dishonor*, *Escape from Planet of the Apes*, *Battle for the Planet of the Apes* and *Whale*, an ultra-widescreen documentary.

Work of young marine scientist recognized

Mandy Hill Cook '99, **'02M**, who earned a doctorate in marine science from the University of South Florida in December 2006, is the 2007 Young Alumna of the Year. The award recognizes her outstanding work as a researcher in marine mammal acoustics.

Cook grew up in Morgantown, W.Va., hundreds of miles from the sea, but when she arrived at UNCW as an undergraduate student, she quickly discovered a passion for the coast.

She fondly recalls "the times I spent in the field conducting research for class projects, such as dolphin photo-identification surveys and field trips to the beach to study intertidal communities." She earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in marine biology from UNCW in 1999 and 2002, respectively.

"Dr. Donald Kapraun (professor of biology) was one of my favorite professors, because he brought so much excitement and passion into the classroom," she said. "He found a way to make everything interesting and taught in a way that made it easy to learn. His enthusiasm was contagious."

At Florida, Cook studied behavioral and auditory measurements in toothed whales. She recently moved to Hillsboro, Ore., to join her husband, Ted '98, who is a research and development engineer with Intel Corp. She hopes to continue studying marine mammals and to teach at the collegiate level.

Stories by Andrea Weaver

Homecoming Weekend Feb. 9-10

The three UNCW Alumni Association Award winners will be recognized Homecoming Weekend during the banquet and scholarship endowment gala at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Tickets for the formal event are $100, and proceeds will go toward the association's goal of endowing its entire scholarship program.

Homecoming Weekend includes reunion gatherings for alumni who graduated between 1978 and 1983 at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Wilson's Restaurant and at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, in the Warwick Center Ballroom.

Saturday events include a pregame tailgate at 5 p.m. under the tent outside Trask Coliseum. The Seahawks take on the William and Mary Tribe at 7 p.m. Half-time and postgame socials will be held under the tent.

For complete homecoming information and special packages, please visit the association Web site at **www.uncw.edu/alumni** or call 800.596.2880.

All in the Seahawk family

by Todd Olesiuk '99

Dixon Putnam and **Melissa Bucci** take pride in their work as well as their alma mater. They work at Shell Island Oceanfront Suites at Wrightsville Beach and are excited to be part of a new UNCW Alumni Association membership benefit.

Putnam came to UNCW in 1992 to play baseball for the Seahawks and graduated in 1996 with a degree in service leisure management (commercial recreation). He has found career success in the service industry, assisting in the opening of more than 150 restaurants in eastern North Carolina in the point-of-sale industry.

In 2006, Putnam was promoted to director of group sales for Shell Island Oceanfront Suites from his position at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside, which is a sister property. Putnam and his wife Katy, who has a master's degree in elementary education from UNCW and is a first grade teacher at Sunset Park Elementary School, have a son, Nathan.

Bucci graduated from UNCW in 2006 with a communication studies degree. Working throughout her college career, she moved from server to front-of-the-house manager at Rossi's Italian Restaurant. In her last semester, she had an 18-hour-a-week internship at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside where she learned all aspects of hotel sales and catering. Bucci was hired as inside sales coordinator and was promoted to catering sales manager for the Shell Island Oceanfront Suites Sales and Catering Department.

Bucci and Putnam are among 35 UNCW alumni and students employed at Shell Island Oceanfront Suites during their peak season, which is offering a new benefit to all active members of the UNCW Alumni Association: year-round discounts of 5 to 10 percent off the regular room rates. In addition, the association will receive annual donations from Shell Island to support its undergraduate and graduate scholarships. Similar discounted room rates are available to alumni at Wilmington area Comfort Suites and Courtyard by Marriott hotels.

Other benefits of alumni association membership are: the Seahawk Reward Program with American Home Mortgage, Alumni Loan Consolidation Program, Alumni Travel Benefit Program and Geico Car Insurance Program.

Your Seahawk pride in UNCW enhances and supports these programs that make the UNCW Alumni Association what it is today and what it will grow to tomorrow. Seahawk pride is a family affair.

15 receive alumni scholarships

The UNCW Alumni Association annually awards 13 undergraduate and two graduate scholarships, each valued at $1,500 a year.

The 2006-07 recipients are: **Matthew Spivey** of Garner, Wilmington College Alumni Scholarship; **Evan Huntley** of Odenton, Md., Hugh Henry Fox '48 Alumni Scholarship; **Jennifer Trepper** of Cary, Gerald H. Shinn Alumni Scholarship; **Amanda Stauffer** of Wilmington, Jim Humphries Memorial Scholarship; **Kristin Hardy** of Wilmington, Lewis/Wiley Alumni Endowed Fellowship; **Marc Murphy** of Wilmington, P. Daniel Lockamy '65 Alumni Scholarship; **Melissa Milstead** of Wilmington and **Ricky Henderson** of Wilmington, Del., Alumni Association Athletic Scholarship; **Heather Creech** of Kenly, Patricia Corcoran Smith '72 Scholarship; **Brendon Murphy** of Four Oaks, **Lyndsay Morton** of Jacksonville, **Michael Harrington** of Norwood, **Emily Hall** and **Charles Hall**, both of Smithfield, UNCW Alumni Association Scholarship; **Caroline Thompson** of Wilson, Bob King '66 Scholarship.

The UNCW Alumni Association supports the largest number of scholarships of any single entity on- or off-campus. Currently five of the scholarships are endowed. The association's goal is to endow all of the merit scholarships with enough funds to provide at least $3,500 to each recipient. In addition to individual contributions, proceeds from the UNCW Seahawk license plate program support scholarships.

AAGA

Members of the African American Graduate Association volunteered at freshman Move-In and on Dec. 15 hosted their fall Senior Sankofa in the N.C. Teachers Legacy Hall. An AAGA Homecoming Package is available and includes tickets to the men's basketball game against the College of William and Mary, a focus group breakfast, step show and annual luncheon. To learn more about AAGA, contact chapter leader Gia Todd Long '91 at gia.long@wilm.ppdi.com.

Atlanta

More than 40 alumni and friends from the Atlanta area gathered for a reception Nov. 8 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Buckhead to meet Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo and learn about the university's accomplishments. A pregame social will be held Jan. 31 at the Fox Sports Grill at Atlantic Station, then alumni will take Marta to downtown Atlanta to watch the Seahawks in CAA action against the Georgia State Panthers. Events for the year will be planned at the social.

Boston

Alumni from the Boston area met Nov. 5 at the Rattlesnake Bar and Grill to discuss forming an affiliate chapter to promote Seahawk pride in the New England area. For more information, contact Danielle Roudebush '97 at dlroudy@hotmail.com.

Communication Studies

A focus group met Oct. 26 in an effort to revitalize the Communication Studies Alumni Chapter, established in 1996. In the past, alumni members established the Dr. Betty Jo Welch scholarship, participated in Communication Studies Day and the annual banquet and served as guest speakers in a variety of classes. The group discussed how the chapter may serve the Communication Studies Department and how the department can help foster alumni professional and personal development. More information can be obtained by contacting Frank Trimble at trimblef@uncw.edu or David Bollinger at bollingerd@uncw.edu.

Florida

Alumni will gather for a happy hour networking social at 6 p.m. March 16 at the Tarpon Bend (www.tarponbend.com) in Ft. Lauderdale. To RSVP, contact South Florida chapter leader Rich Dzicek '89 at rich@infinitytelecomconsulting.com.

Kinston

Do your drivers fly though the air? Does your putter fly straight into a cage? Joel Smith '85 is looking for disc golfing Seahawks to organize an affiliate alumni chapter and a tournament/social event for fun and possibly fund raising. For more information, visit www.downeastdiscgolf.com/seahawks.

Maryland

Alumni and friends are planning a networking social April 6 at Porters Bar and Grill, 1032 Riverside Ave., Baltimore. Upcoming events will be finalized. Maryland Alumni Chapter members want to start a customized UNCW license plate program. A one-time $50 tag fee will be charged in addition to the regular motor vehicle fee; $25 will be returned to the UNCW Alumni Association to support undergraduate and graduate scholarships. For more information, or to RSVP for the social, send an e-mail to chapter leader Jeff Lee '02 at jeff@leefinancialassociates.com.

Richmond

Richmond Chapter leader Sam Mintz '02 is working with the Virginia DMV to start a UNCW customized license plate program. Alumni interested in participating should contact Mintz at smintz@scottstringfellow.com. Alumni interested in attending the 2007 CAA Tournament in Richmond should contact Todd Olesiuk '99, assistant director of alumni relations, at olesiukt@uncw.edu or 800.596.2880.

Wilmington College

More than 25 Wilmington College Alumni Chapter members and friends were greeted at a September luncheon by Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo who presented an update on university accomplishments.

1960s

Ernest B. Fullwood '66, one of first black students at Wilmington College, retired Dec. 31 as senior resident Superior Court judge of the Fifth Judicial District. He was the first black to hold this position and one of only three in state history.

1970s

Drusilla P. Farrar '73 was nominated by a former student for Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2005-06. She teaches K-5 music at Pine Valley Elementary School in Wilmington.

John W. Coker Jr. '75 is in his 13th year as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, which has sent six mission teams to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to aid in Hurricane Katrina recovery.

Willa W. Hughey '75, a nurse in the radiation oncology department with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, was chosen to take part in the 2006 Institute for Nursing Excellence program held in May at the Trinity Center in Salter Path.

Paul J. Lupica '78 graduated in May with a Master of Divinity degree from Bethel University/Seminary of the East. He is partnering with a ministry called Walking in Light which serves families at a housing complex in Worcester, Mass. He teaches special education at Forest Grove Middle School.

Richard Beitel Jr. '79 is a partner in Total Offshore Yacht Sales, Wrightsville Beach

1980s

Velva Bellamy Jenkins '80 is executive director for marketing and community relations at Brunswick Community College.

Max Pope '81M is the principal of Pilot Elementary School in Jamestown. He was featured in the Aug. 2, 2006, edition of the *Jamestown News*.

Polly Ann Smith Ritchie '81 retired in June 2006 from Southwest Middle School in Jacksonville after 34 years of as a teacher of exceptional children.

Stan Andrews '83, '91M is a senior clinical research associate with Colorado Prevention Center in Denver.

Bonnie Yale Hardin '83 is a registered nurse/case manager with Regency Hospice in Myrtle Beach.

Col. **Joseph Irrerea '83** is the Marine Corps senior service advisor for the Joint Reserve Intelligence Unit at the Pentagon. He served two tours of duty in Iraq.

A memorial plaque honoring **Donald W. Southerland '83**, the founder of Penderlea Homestead Museum, was unveiled Nov. 4, 2006, at the museum's annual Homestead Day.

Dan Dunlop '84 was promoted to executive vice president of Jennings, a marketing and branding agency in Chapel Hill. He will lead the company's healthcare division

Scott Semke '84 is the vice president of supply chain management for Polo Ralph Lauren.

Sheree E. Harrell '85 is the owner of Nanny-On-Call which was voted the number one nanny agency in 2006 by *Wilmington Parent Magazine*

Harry McClaren '85 is vice president, government programs, for the Fort Worth-based Bell Helicopter Textron. **Elizabeth Grubb McClaren '83** retired from commercial graphics and does consulting through her business Designs4U. They reside in Southlake, Texas.

Brian Tracey '86 was featured in the UNCW alumni spotlight in the May 4, 2006, edition of *Lumina News*. He is a sales representative for Brame Specialty Company.

Jerry D. Boyette '87 is a senior vice president with NetREIT in San Marcos, Calif.

Richard C. Inlow '87 practices law in Wilmington, focusing on state, federal and international taxation and estate planning.

Jennifer Robinson Mangrum '87 is an assistant professor and founding faculty member of the Department of Elementary Education in the College of Education at NC State University.

Doug McConnell '87M is the executive director of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. He was profiled in a feature story in the June 26, 2006, edition of the Henderson *Daily Dispatch*.

Ken Burris '88, founder of BMS Group in Greensboro, represents Andersen Racing in the acquisition and representation of marketing partners. The team plans to campaign multiple cars in the Indy Racing League's Indy Pro Series, the Star Mazda Championship and the Hankook Tires Formula Ford 2000 Series.

Douglas M. Swain '88 was promoted to district manager for Coastal Area Floorcovering with Sherwin Williams Co in Wilmington.

Kelly Place Phillips '89 is a reading specialist at Camp Lejeune Schools in Jacksonville. She is pursuing a Master of Arts in Education degree, specializing in reading, at East Carolina University, where she was awarded the Becky Ledford Memorial Scholarship.

Jacqueline A. Ray '89 is the owner of J. Ray Realty. She and her husband, **Glenn Ray '89**, reside in Whiteville.

1990s

Matthew Kenney '90 is the owner of Appraisal Resources of the Triangle, LLC.

Lorie Ann Herington Morgan '90 was featured in the book *Firestarters: 100 Job Profiles to Inspire Young Women*, as one of 100 real women whose career achievements are an inspiration to girls and young women exploring their career options. Lorie is a patent attorney for a pharmaceutical company.

Kenneth E. Zentner '90 celebrated his 10th year as one of the top producers of life insurance sales with American International Group in Walterboro, S.C.

Brian Barndt '91, who had a heart transplant in 2005, won gold medals in the 100-meter individual medley, 100-meter backstroke, 100-meter breaststroke and 50-meter backstroke at the 2006 U.S. Transplant Games held in June in Louisville, Ky. He competed in the 30-39 age group.

Joseph Collins '91 performed in *Glass Menagerie* on Broadway in 2005, was in the New York premiere of *Apartment 3A* and originated the role of Father Edmund LeBlanc in the world premiere of *Custody of the Eyes* at the Cleveland Playhouse. His recording of John Farris' book *Phantom Nights* won the Earphone Award, *Audiophile* magazine's top honor.

Kelli Miller '91, supervisor of the Hildred T. Moore Aquatic and Fitness Center with Washington Department of Parks and Recreation, was featured in an Oct. 12, 2006, article in the *Washington Daily News*.

Terry Ray '91 is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree at the University of Kansas. He recently served as senior military advisor and planner for reconstruction and development at a regional command headquarters in eastern Afghanistan.

Dewayne Varnam '91, a sanitarian with the Brunswick County Health Department, was featured in an Aug. 2, 2006, article in the Wilmington *Star-News* titled "Fossil hunting: A lifelong thrill for native."

John Walston '92 was selected for Who's Who in American High School Teachers for 2005. He teaches science in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Horace Love Jr. '93 of Dallas, Texas, is president of Choices & Consequences Violence Prevention Educational Program and speaks nationally to youth and adults. He is a service representative with the Social Security Administration.

Ben Nigro '93 is head swimming and diving coach and **Brook Butler Nigro '94** is the diving coach for the Purple Eagles of Niagara University.

Wendi Pfeiffer Willis '93 was promoted to regional sales and marketing manager over NASCAR SpeedPark's five locations.

Christine Stump Wilson '93 is a medical technologist with PhyAmerica Government Services at the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune.

Judith A. McMullin '94 of Jacksonville earned a master's degree in health education and promotion in May 2006 from East Carolina University.

Detective Sgt. **Gant Montgomery '94**, head of the Narcotics Enforcement Division for the city of Beckley, W.Va., was profiled in the Oct. 7, 2006, issue of the *Register-Herald*

Nicole Dickens '95 of Lillington is the drug treatment court coordinator with the Administrative Office of the Courts in Cumberland County.

Laura Jennings '95 is the assistant principal at D.C. Virgo Middle School in Wilmington. She is pursuing a master's degree in school administration at UNCW.

Christopher L'Orange '95 is a market research manager with Addison Whitney Inc. in Charlotte.

Heather D. Patti '95 of Racine, Wis., is a senior restoration ecologist with Cedarburg Science, LLC. She is a certified professional wetland scientist.

Chase Brockstedt '96 is a partner in the law firm Murphy, Spadaro & Landon in Wilmington, Del.

Vern Granger '96 is senior associate director of undergraduate admissions at NC State University.

Robert B. Partin Jr. '96 is the head coach of the men's basketball team at Wakefield High School in Raleigh, which won the 2006 state championship.

Joseph Collins '91

Terry Ray '91

Trudy Wilder '96 and Walker Golder '85, '90M

Greg Wahl '96 was promoted to storm-water project manager at the S.C. Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

Trudy Wilder '96 a biologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, received the first James F. Parnell Conservative Award presented at the 13th annual meeting of Audubon North Carolina. She was cited for her creativity and leadership in maintaining nesting sites for waterbirds along the North Carolina Coast. The award is named for retired UNCW professor James Parnell.

Tony Butler '97 owns and operates the Web site wblivesurf.com. He was profiled in the May 4, 2006, edition of *Lumina News* as a member of the Wrightsville Beach Merchants Association.

Shelton C. Caulder '97 is the overseas sales supervisor with American Greetings Corporation at Tamuning, Guam **Dawn Hofer Caulder '95** is a sixth and seventh grade science teacher at St. Anthony Catholic School.

This 486.5-pound marlin brought Chuck Walker '67, left, and the crew of the Skirt Chaser a second-place win and a $281,147 prize in the 48th annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament held in June at Morehead City. Brother-in-law Mickey Corcoran '70 was a member of the crew.

Charlotte Business Journal recognized **Gina N. Hight '97**, senior director of marketing and visual communications with the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority, as one of the "40 Under 40" award recipients for 2006. The award recognizes 40 people under the age of 40 who are making major strides in their careers and having a significant impact on their communities.

Brent Pearson '97, head softball coach at Fike High School in Wilson, and his wife, Renee, tennis coach at his rival high school, were featured in an Aug. 5, 2006, article in the *Wilson Daily Times* titled "Pearsons all mixed up as they begin coaching."

A first- and second-grade teacher at Virginia Williams Elementary School, **Heather Phelps '97** was selected as a 2006-07 Teacher of the Year in Brunswick County.

Chaila Restall '97 is an associate with Akerman Senterfitt's litigation practice in Tampa, Fla.

Anthony T. Santos '97 is a marine observer with MRAG Americas based in Honolulu, Hawaii. He monitors protected species affected by fishing efforts in U.S. waters of the North Pacific and American Samoa Isles.

Poetry by **Carlos Toomer '97** can be read online at poetry.com.

Weston Aiken '98 is vice president of technology with First Research Inc. in Raleigh.

Michael Brook '98 is human resources director for Turner Construction's North Carolina and South Carolina operations.

Ashley Parker Davenport '98 received a Master of Science in Nursing degree with a concentration in nurse anesthesia. **Carl R. Davenport '97** is a project manager with Barbara Mulkey Inc.

Paul Forster '98 is the assistant men's soccer coach at UNCW.

LaShawn Davenport McDuffie '98 received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix in July.

Scott Mickle '98, president and founder of AEC Marketing Solutions, was named one of the "40 under 40" rising stars of the design and construction industry by *Building and Design Magazine*.

Ronald D. Tyler '98 is pursuing a Ph. D. and board certification at Virginia Tech University. **Carla Guiterrez Tyler '99** is pursuing a master's degree in biology, also at Virginia Tech.

Jennifer Fornera '99 received a master's degree in counselor education in August and is a guidance counselor with Duval County Schools in Florida.

Jeremy Hilburn '99 earned a Master of Arts degree in social studies education from Columbia University.

Stephanie Banks Packer '99 is pursuing a master's degree in school administration at UNCW and is an N.C. Principal Fellow recipient for the Class of 2008.

Julie Stanford Price '99 graduated from Pepperdine University in August 2006 with Master of Business Administration degree. She is a senior project manager with Amgen Inc. in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Christine Randle '99 is an account executive with DPR Group in Germantown, Md.

2000s

Matthew Bigham '00M is a volunteer with the Peace Corps serving in Mongolia. He teaches English at a high school in Baruun-Urt. He told about his experiences in the "Cape Fear Voices" column in the Aug. 4, 2006, edition of the Wilmington *Star-News* titled "I'm teaching, but I'm learning, too."

Tracie Davis '00, '03M is the town administrator in Belville.

Mary Beth Lyczkowski Ingram '00 is an exercise physiologist at Palomar Medical Center. **Reggie Ingram '96** is a teacher at Temecula Valley Unified School District. They reside in Temecula, Calif.

Bethany Bush Jarvah '00 is self-employed as a photographer.

Stacy Mintz '00 was promoted to a mortgage banker with First Citizens Bank serving Brunswick County.

In June, **Allison Morris '00** began a two-year term with the Peace Corps as an environmental educator in Belize.

Nikki Williams-Trawick '00 and **Evans Trawick Jr. '01** own and operate Priddy Boy's Restaurant in Monkey Junction. They are the parents of Jarett Evans, born Nov. 30, 2005.

Christy B. Wood '00 is co-owner of the Honolulu, Hawaii, branch of All Fund Mortgage.

Ioulia Koukourouzova Boxley '01 opened a branch of Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services in Wilmington.

Sarah Johnson Colonna '01 is in the first cohort enrolled in the master's degree program for women's and gender studies at UNC Greensboro.

Raymond Congo '01 teaches Latin at Bob Jones High School and resides in Huntsville, Ala. He was featured in a story in the Sept. 26, 2006, edition of *The Huntsville Times*.

Miriam Berrospi-Kish '01 teaches in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools and is pursuing a master's degree in Spanish at UNC Charlotte. She resides in Concord.

Jason S. Edwards '01 made his Hollywood directorial debut with his documentary *Blood, Sweat & Gears*, which was selected for the Cackalacky Film Festival in Charlotte.

Kimberly Brooks Shaver '01 received National Board Certification and was named Teacher of the Year for Central Elementary School in Albemarle. She resides in Richfield.

Marjorie A. Titus '01 received a Master of Arts degree in applied geography and a certificate in urban planning/economic development in May 2006 from UNC Greensboro. She is a disaster recovery planner with Innovative Emergency Management Inc. in Morrisville.

Ryan Autry '02 was promoted to commercial analyst with PPD in Research Triangle Park.

William B. Boyden '02 received a Master of Science degree in medical surgical nursing, adult acute care nurse practitioner, in May 2006 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He resides in Philadelphia, Pa.

Martin Camacho '02 is an acute care nurse practitioner with the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He also has a faculty position with the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program in the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

Jennifer Clifton Champion '02 is a marketing officer with First Citizens Bank.

Maria Greene '02M is the principal of Gregory School of Math, Science and Technology in Wilmington.

Brandon Hillis '02 is a graduate intern for CBS Collegiate Sports Properties. He resides in Charlottesville, Va.

Robert B. Partin '96

Stacy Mintz '00

Beth Lacey '03

A software developer with PPD, **Greg Huff '02** is pursuing a Master of Science degree in computer science at UNCW. He and **Christy Whitfield Huff '02** reside in Wilmington with their daughter, Sarah Caitlin.

Dave Minella '02 was promoted to senior account executive, public relations, with Stern Advertising and Public Relations in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Debra Pazderski '02 received a Master of Science degree in school psychology in May 2006 from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y., and has an internship in the Onslow County School District for the 2006-07 school year.

Daphne C. Watkins '02 received a Ph.D. in health education in May 2006 from Texas A&M University and was awarded a training grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to conduct research on psychosocial tissues and mental health. She is a research fellow at the University of Michigan.

Paul W. Bowes Jr. '03 is the founder and CEO of Neo Capital Management, LLC. He resides in Haw River.

Jeff Bradley '03 is employed by Cubic WTS, a defense contractor, as a software engineer working on AV-8B Harrier jet fighter simulators at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point.

Martin J. Conley III '03 obtained his N.C. CPA license and accepted a position as controller with Givens Estates in Asheville.

Matthew C. Huneycutt '03, '04M received his CPA designation from the N.C. Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners. He is senior associate with Dixon Hughes, PLLC in Southern Pines.

Beth Lacey '03 participated in a remote sensing and in situ study of Red Sea corals from the *Golden Shadow*, a ship owned by the Prince of Saudi Arabia. She completed a Master of Science degree at Nova Southeastern University and works for the university's Division of Student Affairs and the undergraduate Biology Department. She resides in Plantation, Fla.

Lifeguarding: A Memoir of Secrets, Swimming and the South by **Catherine McCall '03M** was published by Harmony Books.

Laura E. Rogers '03 is a mortgage loan officer with BB&T in Portsmouth, Va. She is a graduate of BB&T's Management Development Program.

Belinda F. Simmons '03 teaches first grade at Lincoln Elementary School. She resides in Supply.

Tiffany Tobe-Williams '03 is an assistant principal at Johnson Elementary School. She is pursuing a master's degree in school administration at UNCW.

Angela Breedon '04 is a junior in the Howard University School of Dentistry.

Sarah E. Brophy '04 was promoted to benefits manager/travel coodinator with ISP Sports. She resides in Winston-Salem.

Jessica L. Carroll '04 is a processing assistant in the Criminal Information and Identification Division of the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation. She resides in Clayton.

Virginia Burks Chafin '04 is a registered nurse with Maxim Healthcare and is pursuing a Master of Science degree in nursing at UNC-Chapel Hill.

William Fields '04 is enrolled in the London School of Economics master's degree program.

Sandra B. Harrison '04 is the assistant director of alumni programs and special events at The College of William and Mary. She resides in Williamsburg, Va.

Falling Room, a book by **Eli Hastings '04M**, was published by the University of Nebraska Press. His story "Out of the Blue" is being produced as a short feature film by Westbound Films.

Krista Holland '04M is the pre-K director with New Hanover County Schools.

Brad Hutchens '04 was promoted to sales representative with Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation in Fayetteville.

Lauren H. Lambert '04, '05 of Wrightsville Beach was promoted to account executive with Blu Zeus Interactive Marketing.

Jessen Noviello '04 landed a role in the musical *Cheers*. He resides in Los Angeles.

Julia Strachan '04 of Kings Mountain is enrolled in the Master of Fine Arts degree program in performing arts management at N.C. School of the Arts.

Sarah van Schagen '04 is an editorial assistant at *Grist*, an environmental online magazine, and a freelance writer based in Seattle, Wash.

Allison Weeks Thomas '04 is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in illustration design at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

The film, *Bummin' It: The Life and Times of Oyster Bummins*, is the work of several UNCW alumni. **Andy Bader '05** was the producer/cinematographer. **Justin Cioppa '05** was the writer/co-director. **Jim Mahorney '04** played the lead role of Oyster Bummins, and **Kevin Gilligan '04** played Oyster's arch nemesis.

Stefanie Daidone '05, creative coordinator for Berlin Cameron United in New York City, and **Colleen Screen '06**, territory sales manager for Phillip Morris USA in Myrtle Beach, participated in the UNCW Advertising Chapter's third annual UAC Advertising Panel.

Richard Davis '05 news director for WAAV radio, is one of the founders of Gritty Guerilla Theatre in Wilmington.

Susan Fritzen '05M of Wilmington is a real estate development manager with Biltmark Corporation.

Kristin Greer '05 is national casino marketing coordinator for Harrah's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

Megan McGrath '05 was promoted to promotions assistant for WGNI with Cumulus Broadcasting.

Kate Shanahan '05 was named to the Raleigh Convention Center Commission. She is an account executive at MMI Associates Inc., a Raleigh-based marketing and public relations firm.

The film *Lemonade Stand*, shot by **Andrea Redder '05** with art direction by **Matt Gurkin '06**, was accepted for the 2006 Cucalorus Film Festival.

The film *The Drill* was written and directed by **Joel Davenport '06**, produced by **Tina Fuchs '03**, shot by **Andy Bader '05** and edited by **Brandon Leonard '06**. The film placed third in the narrative category at the Gate International Student Festival.

Laura C. Hoffmann '06, senior project manager at Key Bank N.A. in Brunswick, Ohio, earned a Master of Business Administration degree in May 2006 from Baldwin Wallace College. She serves on the Emerging Leaders Council for the YWCA of Greater Cleveland.

Michael Krayer '06 was named Male Scholar Athlete of the Year by the Colonial Athletic Association.

Clifton Owen '06 is a residential loan specialist with National City Mortgage.

Richard Sceiford '06M is executive director of the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton.

Chris Tice '06 is an application developer with Signal's technology team in Wilmington, assisting clients in the creation of custom Web applications.

Weddings

Sarah L. Tart '86 and Jeffrey A. Lacinski on April 15, 2006.

Gail York '95 and Charles Sutton on Jan. 5, 2006. Gail received an educational specialist degree in adult education from Appalachian State University in August 2006. She plans to enroll in the doctoral program in educational leadership at ASU.

Rosemary Ferguson '96 and Todd R. Banks on May 13, 2006. Rosemary is director of communications of Davidson United Methodist Church.

Jeffrey C. Dean '97 and Margaret E. O'Conor on June 10, 2006. He is a marketing representative for The Hartford.

Brandy R. Lichtenberger '97 and David Foster on May 13, 2006. She works in owner relations for Baker Motor Company in Charleston, S.C.

Michael P. Burke '98 and Emily A. Weisenbach on Oct. 8, 2006. Michael is a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City.

Olivia Goode '98 and Brian McGarry on July 19, 2006. Olivia is an adult nurse practitioner in Reston, Va.

Thomas C. Hall '98, '06M and **Haley Y. Phillips '99** on May 27, 2006. TC is a business banker with BB&T in Rockingham, and Haley is a teacher in Richmond County Schools.

Holy Higgins '99 and Seth Wilcher on Dec. 11, 2005. Holly is a grant manager with the University of Georgia and teaches at Georgia's Technical Colleges.

Amanda L. Bost '00, '04M and Vance W. Danielson on May 19, 2006. Amanda is a clinical regulatory specialist with PPD in Wilmington.

Amy L. Goodwin '00 and **Laurence L. Miller '05M** on May 20, 2006. Amy is a clinical research associate with PPD in Research Triangle Park, and Laurence is pursing a Ph.D. in behavioral pharmacology at UNC Chapel Hill.

Michael Kulawiak '00 and Helen Phan on April 1, 2006. He is a credit policy and procedure coordinator for West America.

Jennifer Stewart '00 and Christopher A. Dicksey on Sept. 17, 2005. Jennifer is clinical regulatory associate with Adherex Technologies Inc.

Cynthia L. Stewart '00 and **John C. Pearson '00** on March 18, 2005. She is employed by Bank of America, and he is employed by Cintas.

Ebony Freeland '01 and Kevin Bryant on Sept. 9, 2006. Ebony is a professional development program manager for the National Association for College Admission Counseling in Virginia.

Lindsay L. Littell '01 and **Matt S. Weaver '01** on May 20, 2006. Lindsay is an outpatient therapist with ASAP, and Matt is an assistant vice president with First Citizens Bank. They reside in Mooresville.

Heather Ellett '02

Amanda Darrigrand '03 and Justin Duffy '03

Kimberly Melnick '02

Amanda E. St. Hilaire '01 and Nathan A. Grubich on Sep. 10, 2005. They reside in Ludington, Mich. Amanda is the owner of Red Door Gallery.

Katherine A. Turpin '01 and Michael P. Stokes on Feb. 18, 2006. Katherine is a civil service employee at Camp Lejeune.

Emily Baker '02 and Kristoffer Parker on Sept. 16, 2006. Emily is a registered nurse with Duke University Hospital.

Shane A. Burke '02 and Blanca J. Tosado on June 17, 2006. Shane is a financial analyst with New England Pension Consultants in Boston.

Heather Ellett '02 and William McNeil on May 29, 2005. Heather is an ice-skating instructor and administrative assistant at Rick Side Ice Arena in Gurnee, Ill.

Heather L. Kozak '02 and **Jason M. Thornton '03** on July 2, 2006. Heather is the aquarium curator at Tybee Island Marine Science Center, and Jason is a mental health assistant with Coastal Harbor Treatment Center.

Mandy Magrath '02 and Huw D. O'Callaghan on May 7, 2006. Mandy graduated in May 2006 from Florida State University's College of Law and is an attorney in the Public Defender's Office in Tallahassee, Fla.

Kimberly Melnick '02 and Harris Lineberger on Aug. 19, 2006. She is a junior trader with Bank of America in Charlotte.

Mary Ann Smith '02 and **Clinton S. Roberson '01** on Sept. 30, 2006. Mary Ann is an accountant with Earney and Company CPA, and Clinton is as project manager with Intercoastal Diving Inc.

Amanda L. Darrigrand '03 and **Justin D. Duffy '03** on Aug. 20, 2005. Amanda is an administrative assistant with Financial Freedom, and Justin is the manager of Hester Farms. They reside in Alpharetta, Ga.

Elizabeth A. Grissom '03 and **Jeremy T. Somers '01, '03M** on March 18, 2006. Elizabeth is a mortgage banker with RBC Centura Bank, and Jeremy is a senior accountant with Dixon-Hughes, PLLC. They reside in Graham.

Christina W. Smith '03 and Patrick Q. Scheper on June 17, 2006. Christina is a trust officer with BB&T in Raleigh.

Marcus W. Canady '04 and Melody E. Jewell on Sept. 9, 2006. Marcus is an accountant with Deloitte and Touche.

Kimberly L. Hills '04 and **Thomas E. Carpenter '02** on June 24, 2006. Kimberly is a doctoral candidate in neurobiology at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Thomas is employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Brianne Owen '04 and Shawn E. Williams on Aug. 12, 2006. Brianne is an audit associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Jessica Rickert '04 and **Forrest N. Goodson '05** on Aug. 5, 2006. Jessica is a fifth grade teacher at Lynn Road Elementary School, and Forrest is a business analyst with Glaxo Smith Kline.

Ashley M. Breedlove '05 and Randy K. Naleimaile on April 22, 2006. Ashley is the deputy clerk of superior court in New Hanover County.

Clifton H. Eddens '05M and Katherine E. Crowley on Sept. 23, 2006. Clifton manages the interventional cardiology department at New York-Presbyterian/ Weill Cornell Hospital. He also plays drums in Off the Chart, a rock band he formed to play benefits for medical causes.

Jason T. King '05 and Anna P. Cauley on June 24, 2006. Jason is a health/physical education teacher with Wayne County Schools.

Charles B. Rippetoe '05 and Emily B. Hands on Nov. 5, 2005.

Lisa A. Spane '05 and **John B. Foster '03** on June 1, 2006. Lisa is employed by Cape Fear OB/GYN, and John is a webmaster with USA Attachments.

Craig A. Warren '05 and Amy E. Brinson on Aug. 12, 2006. Craig is an accountant with Pitt, Perry and Crone Inc.

Amber Grogan '06 and **Jason Hacker '06** on June 10, 2006.

Births

To **Haywood A. '87** and **Deborah Ridgely Barnes '89** twin daughters, Emory Elizabeth and Mary Milbourne, on Dec. 5, 2005. Haywood is a partner in the law firm of Hunton & Williams, LLP in Charlotte.

To **Lisa Yoos Council '90** and her husband David, a daughter, Breannon Mackenzie, on June 12, 2006. Lisa is employed by the Wilson County Health Department.

To **Mark C. Worsley '90** and his wife Tanis, a son, Noah, on April 3, 2006. Mark was promoted to store manager with Target in Elgin, S.C.

To **Laura C. Covington '91** and her husband Joseph Noonan, a son, Owen, on Aug. 9, 2006. Laura is a Ladies Professional Golf Association assistant professional at Pine Lake Country Club and Queens University in Charlotte.

To **John "Burt" '93** and **Kristen Grady Kilpatrick III '91**, a son, Lucas Christian, on June 20, 2006. A math teacher with New Hanover County Schools, Burt is in the Principal Fellows Program at UNCW where he is pursuing a Master of Science degree. Kristen teaches chemistry at Coastal Carolina Community College.

To **Cammie Parker Viverette '93, '95M** and husband Chris, twins, David Joseph and Kaylee Grace, on Nov. 29, 2005

To **Lisa Gallagher Esposito '94** and her husband James, a daughter, Alexandra Nicole, on Aug. 24, 2006.

To **Drew B. '94** and **Debra Moss Phillips '96**, a son, Damon Drew, on Sept. 11, 2006. Drew is the owner of D&D Medical in Raleigh.

To **Marcus '96** and **Crystal Parrish Smith '95**, a daughter, Kinsley Elizabeth, on July 26, 2005. Marcus is a vice president for investment banking with A.G. Edwards, and Crystal is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Richmond, Va.

To **Rick '95** and **Tiffani Payne Stinson '99**, a daughter, Elizabeth "Ella" Victoria, on Feb. 7, 2005. Rick is a loan officer with Olympic Mortgage Consultants Inc. in Wilmington.

To **Jeffrey J. '97** and **Kristen Oeser Herrett '02**, a daughter, Shelby Clare, on July 6, 2006. Kristen is a customer care representative with Verizon Wireless, and Jeffrey is a chef with Bald Head Island

To **Nancy Feeney McGuire '97** and her husband Brian, a son, Hayden Lee, on July 8, 2006.

To **Kristen Freccia Behm '98** and her husband Christopher, a daughter, Josette Catherine, on June 15, 2006. Kristin is a senior clinical team manager with PPD in Wilmington.

To **Kristine Ferrara Carlson '98** and her husband Chris, a son, Matthew Douglas, on July 27, 2006. Kristine works in community relations at Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

To **Chris C. '98** and **Roxanne Clarius Long '95**, a daughter, Haley Elizabeth, on Aug. 15, 2006. Chris is a supervisor with the insurance premium tax unit of the N.C. Department of Revenue. Roxanne teaches at the Goddard School. They reside in Raleigh.

To Maj. **Brent Orr '98** and his wife Erin, a son, Riley O'Brien, on March 2, 2006. Brent is an attack helicopter battalion executive officer with the U.S. Army Aviation Branch.

To **Wendy Royal Cabral '99** and her husband Kenny, a daughter, Lensey Taylor, on Jan. 29, 2006. Wendy is the principal at North Duplin Elementary School.

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To **April Barefoot Tisher '99** and her husband Christopher, a son, Nicholas Christopher, on Sept. 22, 2006.

To **Ryan K. '00** and **Ellie Maldonado Houghton '01**, a son, Kristopher Jose, on Feb. 5, 2006.

To **Melissa Sumner Rountree '00** and her husband Kenneth, a daughter, Abigail Paige, on June 20, 2006. Melissa is the assistant business manager at Rivers Correctional Institution in Winton.

To **Meredith Moore Steadman '01** and her husband Cary, a daughter, Kathryn Blair, on Dec. 17, 2005. Meredith teaches in Chesapeake Public Schools.

To **Troy M. Coughlin '02** and his wife Karla, a son, Alec Kristopher, on June 18, 2006. Troy is a network administrator with Consolidated Apparel Group in Rouses Point, N.Y.

To **George T. '02** and **Julie Scott Thorne '99**, a daughter, Greyson Marie, on Jan. 6, 2006. George is president of Thorne Realty Inc. in Rocky Mount.

To **Chad N. '03** and **Jodi Francis Leary '02**, a daughter, Jillian Taylor, on April 12, 2005. Chad is a science teacher and athletic coach at Manteo High School, and Jodi is a nurse case manager with the Dare County Health Department.

To **Matthew J. Currin '03M** and his wife Shannon, a son, Hayden James, on July 2, 2006. Matthew was promoted to chief financial officer at Cape Fear Farm Credit.

To **Matthew G. '03** and **Tosha Burchette Willard '03**, a daughter, Bailey Grace, on March 31, 2006. Matthew is an outside salesman with the Contractor Yard in Wilmington.

To **Summer Talbert Safrit '04** and her husband Steffie, a daughter, Mia Lynn, Sept. 2, 2006.

To **Eli '04** and **Heidi Belcher Thompson'04**, a son, Asher, on Feb. 3, 2005. Eli is a graphic design artist with Image Monster

To **Lee '05, '06M** and **Catherine Hinton Casteen '00**, a daughter, Natalie Claire, on May 18, 2006. Lee is a staff accountant with Ernst & Young LLP in Raleigh. They reside in Holly Springs.

To **Justin M. '06** and **Mariah Coburn Hayes '05**, a son, Madden Dixon, on June 15, 2006. Justin is employed by Winston Salem Health Care Pharmacy. The family resides in Winston Salem.

Deaths

Walter M. Clewis '73 died Aug. 1, 2006.

Jesse L. Hayes Jr. '82 died July 24, 2006.

Jamie C. Albright '01 died Aug. 18, 2006.

Friends

Derrick A. Sherman, 91, died Aug. 31, 2006. UNCW's Sherman Emerging Scholar Lecture Series was established in honor of him and his late wife, Virginia.

John A. Marts, a professor of accounting in the Cameron School of Business, died on Oct. 1, 2006.

Alumna and former admissions counselor climbs higher in education career as

Assistant to the President at UMES

by Andrea Weaver

Inspired by the example of several role models at UNCW, Wilmington native Rolanda Burney '99 has built a successful career in higher education. She now serves as the special assistant to President Thelma B. Thompson at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

After graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill with a bachelor's degree in English, Burney returned home to Wilmington and took a job in retail.

"My real interest lay in public relations, so I sought opportunities to learn more about the field and obtained an internship at UNCW," she recalls. "I worked with Mimi Cunningham in university relations and with Joe Browning in sports information."

With their encouragement, Burney applied for a position as a UNCW admissions counselor and landed the job. Her supervisor encouraged Burney to enhance her skills as a researcher and writer by going to graduate school. She completed her master's degree in English in 1999.

"UNCW helped me discover who I am, and gave me entrée into the world of higher education," Burney said. "I had good mentors there who have stayed in contact with me."

She left UNCW to serve as assistant dean of admissions at the University of Virginia. She moved from there to Livingstone College in Salisbury, where she was first dean of enrollment management and, later, the associate vice president for enrollment management. Burney accepted her current position at UMES in July 2006.

More than 4,000 students attend UMES, Maryland's historically black 1890 land-grant institution. UMES emphasizes baccalaureate and graduate programs in the liberal arts, health professions, sciences, and teacher education. The university is committed to meeting regional economic development needs, statewide workforce development needs, the international development priorities of the nation and commercialization and entrepreneurial ventures of the university, through engagement activities and partnerships.

"We do a great job with all students," Burney said, "but take special care to encourage students who have burgeoning potential."

As special assistant to the president, she has many significant responsibilities. Burney serves as a representative for the president as requested, responds to verbal and written communications, drafts letters and proposals, serves as secretary to the Board of Visitors, the Executive Council and the Executive Cabinet, coordinates executive leadership training and works with the President's Committee on Honorary Degrees to identify and research potential candidates, among other duties.

One of her most exciting assignments has been to attend meetings on Capitol Hill with Dr. Thompson on behalf of the Council of the 1890 Universities. "We met with several key officials in Washington to request assistance for equity funding for the land-grant universities," she said. "It was exciting, because this group of college presidents and administrators really revealed to me another side of higher education administration, and I felt as if we're truly making a difference."

UNCW nurtured Burney's interest in lifelong learning. She has applied for graduate school at UMES to pursue a doctorate in organizational leadership and management. In her rare spare time, Burney enjoys visiting Wilmington to see family and friends.

"I am proud of UNCW and honored to be an alumna," she said. "I like to tell people that I'm a mover, a shaker and a wave maker!"

treasures revealed in old surfboards

by Joy C. Davis '07

For decades of UNCW classes to come, the name James Fulcher '02 will be associated with innovative art. This fall, the artist's aquatic creations were unveiled as a permanent fixture in the new Herbert and Sylvia Fisher Student Center.

"We needed to make a significant visual statement given the grandeur of the space. James' work is the perfect addition," commented University Union Director Carolyn Farley.

Interestingly, before the reveal, few people were aware of Fulcher's talent. He said, "I never took any studio art classes in college. None of my professors ever knew I did this."

Fulcher, who graduated with a communication studies degree, first began "whittling sea creatures out of wood" in the mid-1990s during his four-year stint in the army. "When I was in the woods, I would carve relief designs, and they made me feel like I was back at home," he said.

Most of Fulcher's designs are inspired by his hometown, Atlantic, N.C., where for over 100 years his family has been part of the commercial fishing industry.

"I used to watch old fishermen tell stories and whittle and when they were done talking, they would give you a beautiful pelican or fish. Watching them made me analyze things around me and go, 'I could make something out of that.' Now, this is how I express myself creatively," he explained.

Fulcher said the pieces he created for the Fisher Student Center are "fashioned out of old surf boards beyond repair" which he chisels with a knife and then paints with vibrant acrylic paints in his home garage overlooking the water.

"My art definitely has to do with my experience at UNCW. I shaped these pieces by envisioning the seascapes and the surf I enjoyed when I was here," remarked the avid surfer. Fulcher now resides in Cedar Island, from which he commutes 20 minutes daily by boat to work as an electrical technician with the U.S. Department of Defense and Northrop Grumman.

Regarding his contribution to the Fisher Student Center, Fulcher said, "The whole experience is very special to me. I get attached to every piece. After spending 40 to 60 hours with each one, it's like giving up my child.

"This is my way of showing my appreciation to UNCW," said Fulcher. "I loved my years here. This school has really been instrumental in all of my success. I owe them a lot."

Each sea creature and coral reef scene James Fulcher '02 created for the Fisher Student Union display was specifically crafted to "reflect the indigenous population of the local beaches near UNCW." Blue crab, sailfish and flounder are just a few of the marine animals included.

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UNC Wilmington Alumni golf outing at Echo Farms Golf Course. Photo by, Caroline Cropp

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13	Men's Basketball Pregame Social
17	Wilmington College Alumni Lunch
17	Wilmington Concert Association Bulgarian State Opera: Puccini's Turandot *
26	Arts in Action: Tiempo Libre * Thalian Hall
25-27	Cultural Arts Building Inaugural Celebration

February

2	North Carolina Symphony *
9	Alumni Awards and Scholarship Endowment Gala
10-11	Homecoming
10	Men's Basketball Pregame Social
14	Arts in Action: Shemekia Copeland *
19	Leadership Lecture Series Charles Fishman – "The Walmart Effect" * 7 p.m.
21	Wilmington College Alumni Lunch
22	Wilmington Concert Association Moscow Festival Ballet's Don Quixote *

March

6	Wilmington Concert Association Jonathan Biss, piano *
19	Leadership Lecture Series Edward O. Wilson - "The Future of Life" * 7 p.m.
20	Arts in Action Joe Goode Performance Group *

April

14	Arts in Action: Stefon Harris * "African Tarantella: Dances with Duke"
20	North Carolina Symphony * Brian Reagin, violin
26	Alumni Golf Tournament Magnolia Greens

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* All performances are at 8 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Starred events are held in Kenan Auditorium. Events may require admission charges or reservations. For tickets and additional information, call 910.962.3500 or 800.732.3643, or visit www.uncw.edu/arts.

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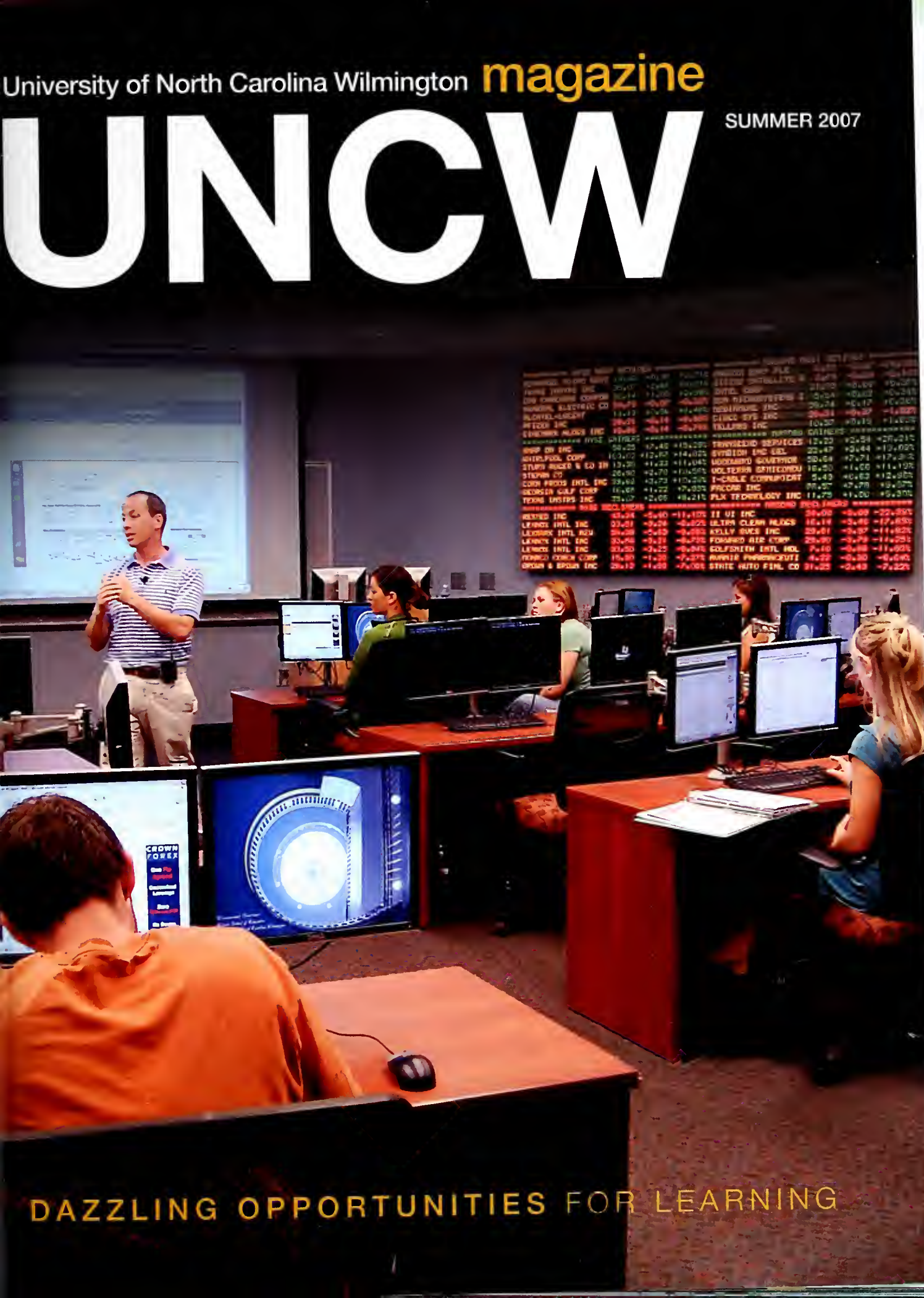

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On the cover:
Students take in a lecture at the Computer Information Systems (CIS) Building's Financial Markets Room at UNC Wilmington.

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Dear alumni and friends

As I write this, the campus is lush with spring color – fuchsia and crimson azaleas, white Cherokee roses, pink cherry blossoms and lacy cream dogwoods. Witnessing firsthand the beauty of the campus were members of the 2007 freshman class who visited March 31. Next year's class of about 1,950 freshmen promises to be the best ever, with increases in average SATs and high school GPAs. We are also pleased to see more students from our eight-county service region applying, being accepted and enrolling at UNCW.

This has been an extraordinary spring for UNC Wilmington. The university has been forever changed with the opening of the first-class Cultural Arts Building and its performance venues and gallery space. The Computer Information Systems Building is operational, complete with ticker tape in the trading room. Admissions is now in a renovated Hinton James Hall, where campus tours originate at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays. In August, 600 students will move into the new Seahawk Landing apartments, and we will break ground for the new $31 million School of Nursing Building.

Spring has been extraordinary in another way – a surge of contributions from generous donors. This magazine has more details about several wonderful gifts, but let me single out two. Thanks to Mark Griffis and David Robertson, every academic department now has an endowed scholarship. Their $1 million gift raised their total contributions to UNCW to more than $1.6 million.

BB&T Corporation made a gift of more than $1 million to establish the Moral Foundations of Capitalism program, which includes the BB&T Global Capitalism Lecture Series in the Cameron School of Business. The gift will support the BB&T Student Managed Investment Fund, allowing finance majors and MBA students to invest significant real dollars as they learn how to manage stocks and bonds.

Such donor investments in UNCW are shaping our campus into a remarkable center for education, discovery, outreach and enlightenment. We are in the early stages of a comprehensive campaign, which is about much more than money. The campaign is a strategy to position UNCW as the highest quality, mid-size, master's university in the state. We intend to be the ideal alternative to the mega flagship university. We are grateful to all of our donors and supporters for helping us reach our goal.

As we work to give our students the most powerful learning experience possible, we have not overlooked the importance of ensuring access to higher education for those of limited economic means. We have announced a new financial aid program called Seahawks SOAR that will allow at least 500 students to attend UNCW at little cost to them. The financial aid package is a creative mix of federal and state grants, scholarships and loans, and a portion of tuition increase dollars designated for this purpose by student members of the tuition increase committee.

Throughout this issue, you will learn of the many great things happening at UNC Wilmington. As always, I encourage your calls, letters and e-mails, and appreciate your continued support for this great university.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo

Chancellor

Saving time to save lives

During an emergency, minutes spent locating the person in distress could mean the difference between life and death. Now, with new technology and a strong partnership with New Hanover County, an emergency call to 911 provides the caller's location at UNCW down to the room number.

In February 2007, the campus E-911 system went online, connecting directly to the county emergency call center. When a dispatcher answers a 911 call from UNCW, the system automatically identifies the location, including street address, building name and room number. It also provides Geographic Information Systems (GIS) maps to police, fire or EMS with the fastest response route.

"We are the only entity in the county that can provide this level of detailed information," said Bill Vereen, director of telecommunications. "Our system is a model for other campuses. This state-of-the-art technology ensures the highest level of safety and emergency response for our campus community."

The four-year, $90,000 implementation required assigning street addresses to numerous campus buildings, installing and testing hardware and software, manually entering system data, training personnel and assigning a physical location to 6,300 campus phone numbers.

Photo by Frank Bua

2007 Razor Walker Award recipients, left to right, back row: George Koseruba, James Wallace, Walter Anderson. Seated, left to right: Robyn Render, Millie Ravenel and Elsie Leak

Honorees share unwavering commitment to children and youth

The Razor Walker Awards, presented annually by the Watson School of Education, recognized in April six individuals for their vision, tenacity, courage and sacrifice. Their willingness to walk the "razor's edge" is making a difference every day in the lives of North Carolina's children and youth. The 2007 honorees are:

Walter C. Anderson, a retired engineer who volunteers at Southport Elementary School;

George M. Koseruba, a pediatrician who worked with the New Hanover County Health Department in the 1940s to set up clinics to provide infant care and immunizations for children from poor families;

Elsie C. Leak, associate superintendent for curriculum and school reform for the state Department of Public Instruction who fought to close the achievement gaps for North Carolina students;

Millie Ravenel, founder of the N.C. Center for International Understanding at UNC Chapel Hill that coordinates North Carolina in the World, the statewide K-12 global education movement;

Robyn R. Render, vice president for information resources and chief information officer of the UNC system who works to ensure that all of the state's university students are prepared to live in a diverse, global, highly technological community;

James Wallace, founder and chief executive officer of Intracoastal Realty which launched the non-profit Teacher's Fund in 2005 to award grants to public and private elementary school teachers to purchase materials for their classrooms.

Tuition increase offers 500 students opportunity to SOAR

Beginning fall 2007, the Seahawks Support Opportunity Access and Responsibility (SOAR) program will guarantee to meet the financial aid needs of 500 students whose families' income falls within a range of up to one and a half times the poverty level as defined by the federal government.

Students are often weary of tuition increases, but the UNCW Student Government Association (SGA) believed so strongly in the potential value of Seahawks SOAR, they unanimously approved the resolution and accompanying raise in tuition.

"We were all reluctant to vote for any tuition increase until we saw this program," noted Kaitlin Helms, former student body vice president.

Seahawks SOAR is funded by $81 of the 2007-08 tuition increase of $192 for in-state and $220 for out-of-state students. According to the SGA resolution, the landmark program is a "giant step for UNCW, in that it will allow us to provide 100 percent of the financial aid needed for four years to our university's most disadvantaged students."

UNCW is one of approximately 40 universities nationwide offering such a program. SOAR is just one way the university is responding to the fact that more than half of UNCW's total enrollment qualifies for some form of financial aid.

"If you can get into UNCW, we will provide the resources for you and help you finish college," said Helms. "It is not only money. The plan provides a faculty mentor relationship, tutoring resources, a personal financial aid advisor and other incentives to both make the grade and graduate in four years.

"This program could determine if students go to college at all. I will gladly pay additional tuition for someone else who might not otherwise be able to go to college," said Helms.

Julian Bond, civil rights activist and chair of the NAACP, speaks with UNCW students during a reception in January at the Fisher Student Center. Bond was the keynote speaker for the university's 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

Photo by Jamie Markham

Students of UNCW's Theatre Department present the very first production of Tom Shoppard's "15-Minute Hamlet" in the mainstage theatre during the grand opening of UNC Wilmington's Cultural Arts Building.

Cultural Arts Building Opening

Photo by James McDonald

A FOUR-DAY CELEBRATION

showcasing the cultural arts with special performances and exhibits, a private reception and public tours marked the inauguration of the UNCW Cultural Arts Building in January. The building is home to the departments of music, theatre and art and art history.

Photo by Jane Johnston

Photo by Jane Mitchell

Carolina Ballet

performs July 28

This year's Carolina Ballet Summer Intensive and Residency at UNCW will culminate in a premiere performance by the internationally acclaimed company Saturday, July 28 at Kenan Auditorium.

The celebration will begin with a private pre-performance reception at 7 p.m., followed by a premiere performance by the Carolina Ballet at 8 p.m. and will conclude with a post-performance dessert reception with the artists. To attend the performance and dessert reception, tickets are $25 to $32 for reserved seating, $12 for students or free to UNCW students with valid ID.

The Raleigh-based Carolina Ballet was launched in 1997, under the direction of Artistic Director Robert Weiss, former principal dancer for the New York City Ballet. Internationally recognized for his creative and energetic choreography, Weiss, in a few short years, turned Carolina Ballet into one of the top-10 ballet companies in the country.

Tickets to this premiere performance can be purchased at the Kenan Auditorium Box Office, 910-962-3500 or 800-732-3643. More information is available at **www.uncw.edu/arts**.

Carolina Ballet in "The Four Temperaments," choreography by George Balanchine, © The Balanchine Trust, photo by Russ Howe

trimming the trans fats

CAMPUS DINING CONVERTS TO NEW OIL

by Brenda Riegel

This spring, all university campus dining facilities converted to a zero grams trans fat fryer oil (defined by the FDA as 0.5 grams per serving or less). This decision was made as part of campus dining's ongoing commitment to providing healthy options and in response to research showing students are more concerned than ever with their intake of trans fats.

Campus dining worked with suppliers, dietitians and chefs to identify an oil that provides the same great taste students prefer, but in a non-hydrogenated corn and sunflower oil version containing zero grams of trans fats.

"We are committed to identifying and providing a wide range of choices to help our students manage their consumption of trans fats and saturated fats," said JP Fesperman, director of campus dining. "After an in-depth review, it's clear that this new oil offers the best combination of value, performance, taste and health profile."

Some of the other healthy options offered by campus dining include vegetarian entrees, sushi, low-fat and fat-free dressings and grab-and-go salads and wraps. The Campus Dish nutritional informational kiosk located inside Wagoner Dining Hall provides nutritional information for each day's menu items.

Other nutritional information and health tips are available on the "fresh and healthy" section of the campus dining Web site, www.uncw.edu/dining/.

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Community members as well as students, faculty and staff may apply for a passport and have their photos taken on the campus of UNC Wilmington. In October 2006, the university was designated as a regional passport application acceptance agent by the U.S. Department of State, only the second UNC campus to be selected.

passport to the world

The university encourages international educational experiences. Obtaining a passport is one of the first steps toward such a journey to any foreign country. This is especially true in light of new regulations requiring all persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda to present a valid passport.

The UNCW passport office is centrally located on campus in the Auxiliary Services Department in the Warwick Center, where university ID cards are issued.

"The passport agency is a natural fit for us," said Richard Fauson, director of auxiliary services. "We already take photographs and issue identification cards. Now, we can provide even more services to our students, the university as a whole, our community and region."

Bryan Foster '05 is a computer programmer at the university and was one of the first people to apply for a passport through the UNCW office. He found the process extremely convenient.

"It can be hard to get downtown during the regular 9 to 5 hours," Foster said. "For students, faculty and staff, it's so easy to just run across campus during lunch or a break between classes and take care of everything."

Wilmington-area residents are also finding UNCW a convenient place to apply for a passport, and the word is spreading.

"AAA is sending people to our office for passports, as well as PPD and North Carolina Rep. Mike McIntyre's office," said Sandy Ellington, UNCW One Card manager.

Unlike the downtown post office, the only other passport office in the city, no appointments are necessary at UNCW. The UNCW passport office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information is available at **www.uncw.edu/ba/onecard/passports.htm** or 910.962.2008.

Melissa Milstead

Anna Raynor

Milstead exemplifies scholar-athlete

Melissa Milstead received numerous accolades as a student-athlete. For the second consecutive year, she was named the CAA's Women's Swimming Scholar Athlete of the Year. She was the 2006-07 recipient of UNCW's Chancellor's Cup Award for Academic Excellence.

Milstead won first place in the Undergraduate Research Paper Division at the Technology and Social Sciences Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Her presentation was titled "Environmental Education Curriculum to Accompany K-2 Field Trips to Airlie Gardens and the Benefits of Environmental Education at the Elementary Level."

Her paper, which included input from local first grade teachers and the Airlie Gardens environmental education office, will be the only student paper published in the group's bi-annual journal in January 2008.

A three-time recipient of the CAA Commissioner's Award and Golden Seahawk Award, Milstead swam on the 200 freestyle relay and 400 medley relay teams that set school records at the CAA Championships. She registered a perfect 4.00 grade point average in her double major of elementary education and psychology.

Raynor qualifies for third NCAA appearance

Senior standout Anna Raynor, one of the most decorated student-athletes in university history, finished fourth in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

The Benson, N.C., product was also named recipient of the Dr. Thomas V. Moseley Award as the school's outstanding student-athlete in 2006-07 and was selected as the Southeast Region Women's Field Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Raynor captured her third consecutive Colonial Athletic Association javelin title in late April and then successfully defended her "Championship of Americas" title at the prestigious Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

The versatile thrower finished second at the NCAA East Regionals in Gainesville, Fla., to earn her third trip to the nationals.

UNCW claims CAA men's **track** title

The Seahawks entered the final day of the CAA men's track and field championship trailing front runner William & Mary, but rallied with a strong second day effort to claim its eighth conference title. UNCW finished fourth on the women's side.

Senior Zeickia Ledwell captured both the 110 and 400 meter hurdles events. In the 110 hurdles, Ledwell earned his fifth career conference championship. In the 400, he edged junior teammate Ernest Asante for his sixth career conference title.

Joining Ledwell with conference championship titles were sophomore Matt Miller, who won the decathlon and the men's 4x400 relay. The 4x400 relay squad of Ledwell, sophomore Jared Clark, junior Uri Robinson and junior Chris Courson gave UNCW its fourth consecutive relay title with a time of 3:13.33.

With his 4x400 relay championship, Ledwell moved into a tie with former Seahawk standout Xzavier Chisholm with seven CAA titles.

While the Seahawks posted four first-place finishes, it was their depth that delivered their eighth conference title. Sophomore John Carr added second-place finishes in the 100 and 200 meter sprints, while Asante finished second to Ledwell in both hurdles events. The men's 4x100 Relay team, consisting of junior Mo Peacock, junior John-Tyler Evans, senior AJ Kaschak and Carr finished second.

Junior Travis Midgette, who won the long jump one day earlier, finished second in the triple jump.

Swimming teams make big splash again

The men's swimming and diving team, which went 7-4 in the dual meet season, won its sixth title this semester behind veteran leadership and several talented newcomers. The Seahawks closed out the CAA Swimming & Diving Championships with 573 points for a 55-point victory over host institution George Mason.

Senior Eric Beyer captured the 100 freestyle gold and swam legs on the CAA-champion 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay squads. Newcomer Rob Anderson set a freshman record in the 100 breaststroke, and rookie Bennett Rainey matched the freshman mark in the 400 individual medley.

On the women's side, the Seahawks came in close second behind William & Mary. Seniors Melissa Milstead and Sara Beth Schooley turned in their usual reliable performances, and young guns Danielle Mortensen and Caitlin Kirsteier served notice that the Seahawk women could be a force for years to come.

Mortensen won the CAA title in the 1,650 freestyle and set school records in the 500, 1,000 and 1,650 freestyles in one of the top individual seasons in Seahawk history. Kirsteier won the 100 butterfly at the CAA meet with a record time. All told, the women's team set nine school records, including new standards in the 200 medley relay, 400 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

"I was extremely pleased with the performances of both teams," said coach Dave Allen, who wrapped up his 30th season. "We had so many freshmen, and many of the other teams thought that since we lost several folks that we'd be in the middle of the pack. We certainly didn't feel that way.

"Our alumni are delighted. They have a lot of ownership in the program and are so proud of everything we've accomplished."

Women's **golf** punches NCAA ticket with first CAA title

Freshman Ashley Tait earned medalist honors with a 1-over-par 73 on the final day to spark UNCW to its first Colonial Athletic Association Women's Golf Championship and the league's automatic NCAA berth.

The Seahawks led wire-to-wire to blow away the 10-team field by 17 strokes, setting a tournament record for team scoring. UNCW finished with a 306-297-307=910 scorecard, easily outdistancing second-place Georgia State at 315-310-302=927.

The victory marked the first for the Seahawks since joining the CAA in women's golf last year. UNCW won Big South Conference crowns in 2002, 2003 and 2004, but tied for second last season in its CAA debut.

"It's great to finally get a CAA championship," said Cindy Ho, the CAA's Coach of the Year.

Tait, who began her collegiate career at Tulane before transferring following Hurricane Katrina, entered the final round tied with teammate Carmen Perez-Narbon on the individual leaderboard and played consistent golf to match the individual tournament low set by JMU's Jayme Langford in 2004. UNCW's team score of 910 was also one less than JMU's total in the 2004 tourney.

Perez-Narbon wound up tied with Georgia State's Joanna Klatten for second, both finishing 10-over-par.

Ronald Baird, former director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Sea Grant College Program, was honored with the 2006 Presidential Rank Award, the most prestigious federal award given to senior professionals. "Researchers of Dr. Baird's stature and expertise are of immense value to North Carolina marine sciences," said Daniel Baden, director of the Center for Marine Science. Baird is working with a team of experts from NOAA's National Severe Storms Laboratory, National Weather Service and Sea Grant to improve the forecasting of the impact of inland storm flooding on coastal communities.

John Bennett, professor of health and applied human sciences, became president of the National American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), the largest health promotion organization in the world, in March. In February, Bennett received the Southern District Honor Award from AAHPERD, having been honored previously in 2001 and 2004. Bennett is emblematic of his message: skillful, fit, joyful lifelong-learning. "I believe in savoring every moment of life," he said. "People tend to ask me why I'm so energetic, and I turn and ask them, well, why not?"

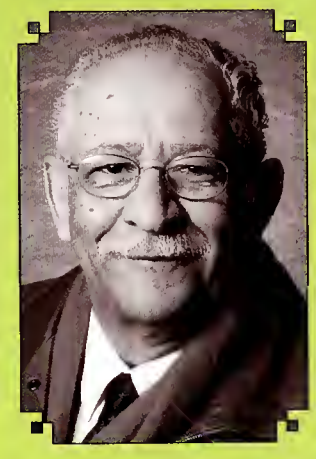
Larry Cahoon, professor of biology, was selected a BiosciEdNet (BEN) Scholar. One of 21 scholars selected nationwide, Cahoon was invited to the inaugural National Science Digital Library (NSDL) BEN National Leadership Training Institute. The mission of the BEN Scholar program is to identify leaders in undergraduate education and to provide them with access to high quality resources through the NSDL and BEN Portal programs. In turn, by sharing this information and training with colleagues and students, BEN Scholars will advance teaching and learning in the biological sciences.

Cara Cilano teaches courses that bring English students in contact with non-U.S. and non-British English language literatures, particularly from the Indian subcontinent. In January, Cilano began serving as a Fulbright lecturer at Yanka Kupaly Grodno State University in Grodno, Belarus. She will be a visiting research associate at the Institute of Islamic Studies at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada for 2008.

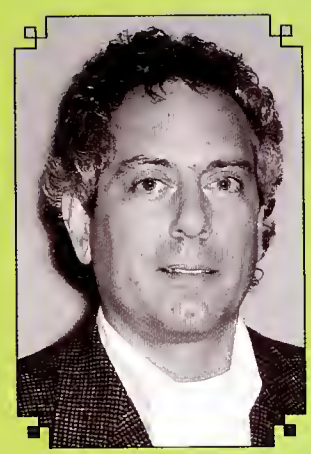
Faculty and STAFF

Walter Conser, professor of philosophy and religion and professor of history, has written *Coat of Many Colors: Religion and Society along the Cape Fear River of North Carolina*, a comprehensive history of the Cape Fear region from the perspective of its religious communities. Conser said, "Recognition of this diverse religious past is not only enlightening, it can also help present-day residents of the Cape Fear identify sources of strength and hope as they confront new and unanticipated issues in the 21st century."

Amy Kirschke, associate professor of art, was asked to present her research for her new book, *Art in Crisis: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Struggle for African American Identity and Memory*, at the Sorbonne, University of Paris, in March. She was invited to launch the book and participate in a panel discussion by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, an event co-sponsored by the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian's African American Culture Museum, Howard University and the University of Maryland. Kirschke's book examines the visual art featured in Du Bois' magazine, *The Crisis*, its impact on African American identity and cultural realization, and Du Bois' use of art as a means of bringing about political action.



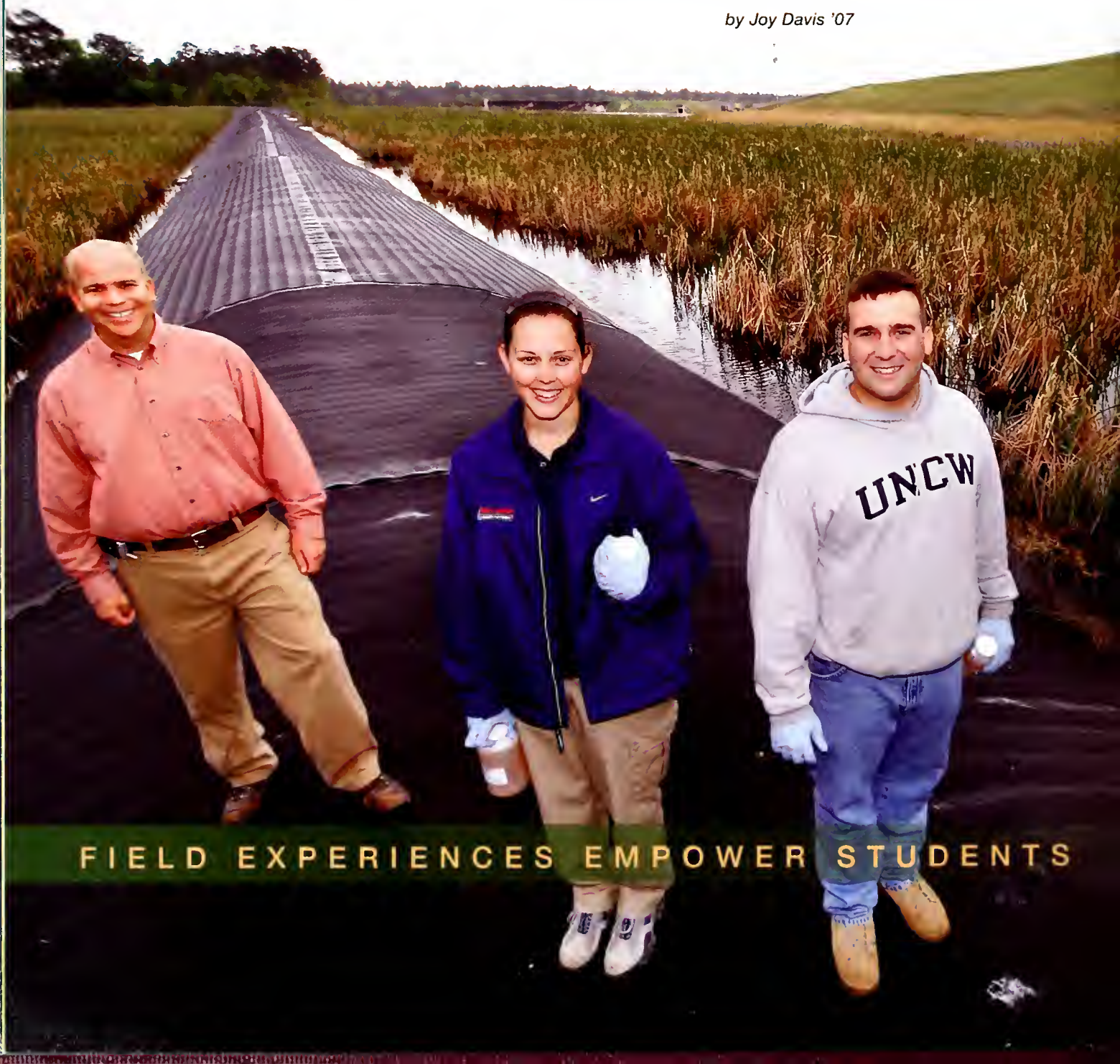
The latest documentary from Professor of Education **Maurice M. Martinez**, *Too White to be Black, Too Black to be White: The New Orleans Creole*, premiered as part of the celebration of Black History Month. A multi-talented filmmaker, Martinez tells stories of race in America from the inside out – capturing the joys of shared history, community and culture with the pathos of isolation, rejection and loss of opportunity that mark the American experience of race-related marginalization.



Mike Messina, associate professor of chemistry, received the 2006 Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award for national excellence in research and teaching at an undergraduate institution. One of seven professors chosen nationwide and the only professor from North Carolina to be honored, Messina will use the $60,000 grant to fund undergraduate researchers studying quantum dynamics of proton transfer and tunneling in enzyme active sites. The award, based on accomplishments in scholarly research with undergraduates and a demonstrated, compelling commitment to teaching, will be expended over a five-year period.

Conquering *an uncertain* environment

by Joy Davis '07



FIELD EXPERIENCES EMPOWER STUDENTS

Landfill manager **Sam Hawes '94** stands with part of his team, **Shannon Culpepper '05**, New Hanover County Department of Environmental Management environmental program assistant, and UNCW EVS intern **Richard Sitter '07**. Beside the landfill itself, the team oversees a state-of-the-art wetlands system that recycles the landfill runoff.

Shannon Culpepper '05 works at a landfill and loves it.

Few people would consider working with trash part of the American dream, but Culpepper, New Hanover County Department of Environmental Management (NHCDEM) environmental program assistant, said she "feels privileged to work at this type of facility."

From childhood, Culpepper has aspired to work in an environmental field. "As a child, I remember I had this box called 'Trash to Treasures' that you would use to recycle things other people threw away. My interest in the environment has just always been a part of who I am," she recalled.

Unfortunately, aspirations alone are worth little in today's competitive employment market. In fact, many employers now require entry-level applicants have an increasing amount of relevant work experience in addition to a college diploma.

The University of North Carolina Wilmington Environmental Studies (EVS) Department is responding to this demand head-on with its comprehensive internship program.

Like Culpepper, more than 90 percent of the department's 200-plus students participate in internship and practicum learning opportunities all over the world before graduation. They enroll in the internship program even though it is not a degree requirement, making it the largest non-mandatory clinical program at UNCW.

"They don't have to do this, but they want to because the experience is invaluable," noted department chair Jack Hall.

"Most people hear our department title and immediately think 'science,' but we aim to educate students about environmental issues as they relate to various fields. This includes careers in environmental law, politics, economics, management and more," Hall said.

UNCW EVS internship agencies include government organizations, educational institutions, research programs, and private and non-profit organizations that give students the opportunity to tailor their internship to their sometimes unconventional career goals.

Under the guidance of EVS internship coordinator, assistant professor and attorney Robert Cutting, Culpepper became interested in an internship with the NHCDEM after researching the program for her EVS senior seminar.

The NHCDEM Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Division, a unique wastewater treatment system modeled by other municipalities and industries, offered Culpepper the opportunity to gain experience few in the world possess.

Unlike most solid waste management facilities, the New Hanover County Secure Landfill utilizes constructed wetlands to treat landfill wastewater, termed "leachate." The NHCDEM operates the only system of this type in North Carolina and one of only a few in the

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

With a model of the county landfill occupying part of the laboratory, UNCW EVS intern Richard Sitter '07 and Shannon Culpepper '05, New Hanover County Department of Environmental Management environmental program assistant, prepare containers for water sampling.

in the world. Naturally occurring micro-organisms in the wetlands break down and remove the harmful substances in the landfill leachate.

Sam Hawes '94, NHCDEM landfill manager, calls the unique system "a significant portion of our post-closure plan to transform the site into a wilderness park in 20 to 30 years." New Hanover County hopes in mere decades, families will enjoy rolling green hills, ponds teeming with fish, a maze of hiking trails and an environmental education center on the same grounds that once managed their trash.

UNCW EVS graduates are an integral part of NHCDEM operation. Hawes, an EVS alumnus, has guided approximately a dozen EVS interns during his 12 years with the NHCDEM, including Culpepper and Richard Sitter '07, spring 2007 intern. The NHCDEM invites students to "learn about any and every aspect of this environmental work they may be interested in – sampling, environmental education, budget forecasting, recycling, air pollution control, the list goes on," said Hawes.

"Learning daily in the field from people who know where I am coming from as a student confirms this is what I want to do with my life," Sitter noted.

Now in the position her mentor first held, Culpepper said, "The main thing I got out of my internship was to understand this uncommon waste management system, so when I interviewed for a full-time job at NHCDEM, I was already ahead of the curve. In the future, if I do move on to another landfill, I have this knowledge that others don't have. It is invaluable for me."

In addition to providing knowledge, the responsibility of an EVS internship empowers students who have little professional experience.

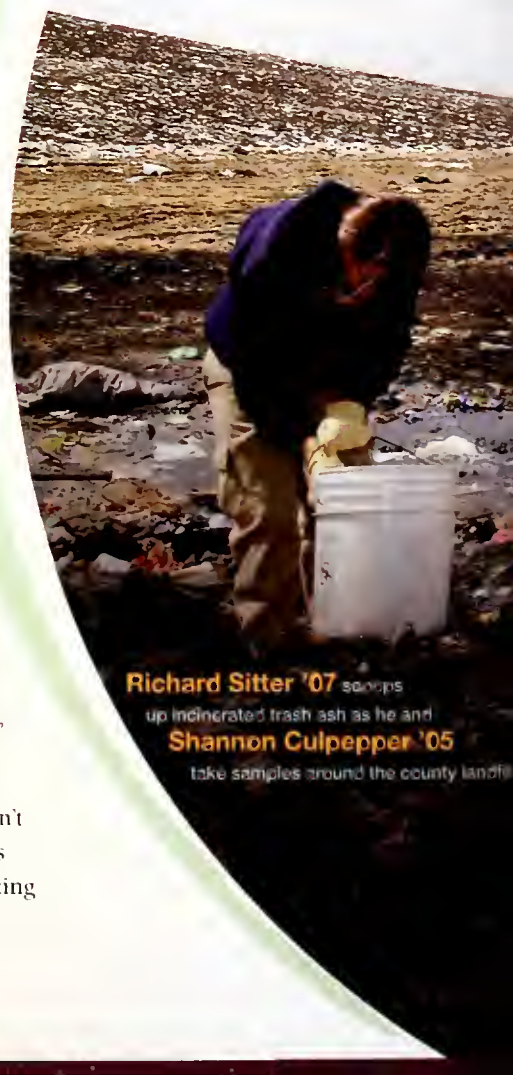
This confidence is reinforced by internship project portfolios, which yield physical evidence of skills. Portfolio artifacts may include on-site photographs, field notes, independent assignments and other items that can provide an additional advantage in professional interviews. In turn, the majority of EVS internship participants secure positions in graduate school or a professional sector.

EVS internships also provide much-needed assistance to employers with a limited staff.

"Interns are immersed into our staff and treated as employees and co-workers from the moment they are hired," remarked internship supervisor Jennifer Butler, outreach and education coordinator for the City of Wilmington Stormwater Services.

"It is definitely a win-win situation. I really value the knowledge, creativity, enthusiasm and different personality that each intern brings to the position. I simply could not do my job without them. They have all been fantastic," she said.

"This feels like the right thing to do. You can't just eliminate a generation of waste, but it is good to know what we are doing is minimizing the impact on the environment," said Sitter.



Richard Sitter '07 scoops up incinerated trash ash as he and Shannon Culpepper '05 take samples around the county landfi

When I graduated,

"I had the misconception that if you have a degree, you are good to go. Really, the education gives you the tools to problem solve, but an internship shows you how to apply them."

– Matt Allen '98

Environmental studies takes unique approach

The UNCW Environmental Studies (EVS) Department is the largest in the state – twice the size of the program at UNC Chapel Hill.

"People find out this is something you can actually get a job in. The environment is always in need of improvement. In this changing world, people have to pay for clean water and air, and that is where we come in," department chair Jack Hall said.

UNCW EVS has embraced an interdisciplinary design by collaborating with the faculty of other departments like psychology and economics to provide more diverse course offerings.

"As an environmental professional, you wear many different hats. Through EVS, I got experience with everything from sampling to public relations," noted Melissa Elefante DuMond '99, an environmental planner for ARCADIS, an international consulting and engineering firm.

"My EVS professors always really stood out to me. It wasn't just class lectures. They personalized it, integrating their own experiences and scenarios into discussions. That was really motivating," said Matthew Allen '98, Wilmington General Electric Center of Excellence manager of security and emergency preparedness.

The breadth of the department initially attracts many students, but Hall noted, "what draws them in is the work in the field – so many love it."

knowledge technology converge

by Andrea Weaver

For UNCW students like Liam Glover and Michael Woodard, the new Computer Information Systems (CIS) Building connects their creativity with tangible learning experiences.

Glover, a junior from Wilmington, uses a digital pen to spin a three-dimensional dragon displayed on an electronic drawing tablet in the building's digital arts lab.

High-tech tools such as state-of-the-art computers, hardware, software, servers and plasma TVs define the classrooms, labs and "sandboxes" – special meeting rooms designed for small group projects – inside the 51,731-square-foot CIS Building. Its classic Georgian exterior beautifully blends with the nearby campus buildings while its modern, glass-and-steel interior showcases the power of technology.

"The Computer Information Systems Building symbolizes the convergence of knowledge and technology at UNC Wilmington and represents the collaborative spirit that increasingly characterizes our academic programs," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said. "When our students enter this incredible building, their imaginations soar."

The building houses the Department of Computer Science from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Information Systems and Operations Management Department from the Cameron School of Business. Together, these departments offer a Master of Science in Computer Science and Information Systems. Through this intensive program, students prepare to take on leadership roles in the development and implementation of computer and information systems.

The opportunities that technology facilitates appeal to Woodard, a senior finance major in the Cameron School of Business. The financial markets room dazzles him and other students by displaying an endless stream of information via a stock board and ticker, three plasma TVs, a central viewing screen and dual monitors at every workstation. Inside the adjacent Edward Jones Financial Lab, students and faculty have access to the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ, enabling them to conduct real-time financial transactions with funds provided by BB&T Corporation (see sidebar) and other donors.

"This room allows our professors to tie a lot of information together and to present us with different perspectives. In this room, we can learn to manage financial resources, practice, get feedback and do it again. We can practice our skills right as we learn them," Woodard said. "It allows professors to move from teaching to coaching. No other room in North Carolina has the ability to do what we can do in here. This room is going to spark us to take our learning to the next level. That will make us better students, better alumni and better citizens, and that is the legacy of a great university."

$1 million gift
supports business ethics

Recognizing the need for strong ethics in business leaders, BB&T Corporation made a gift of more than $1 million to UNCW to establish the Moral Foundations of Capitalism program within the Cameron School of Business.

The gift will establish the BB&T Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF), which will in turn provide annual proceeds to establish and fund the BB&T Global Capitalism Lecture Series, the BB&T Institute for Global Capitalism and Ethics and several additions to the curriculum focused on teaching the moral underpinnings of the nation's economic system.

$150,000 gift supports financial lab

Edward Jones and more than 50 of its N.C. financial advisors teamed up to donate $150,000 to UNCW to support a high-tech financial lab in the CIS Building.

The lab houses a trading terminal students and faculty from the Cameron School of Business will use to trade stocks directly with the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ and other markets. Advanced finance students, working with business faculty and volunteer financial advisors, will use the lab to manage the SMIF. Endowed at $1 million, it is one of the largest student managed funds in the nation.

Jamie Moncrief

TWO PROFESSORS FORGED PATHS OF LEARNING, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

by Joy C. Davis '07

In the mid-1980s a colorful group of college students in a tangerine-hued van scoured the roadway for food signs. Ignoring the lack of air conditioning and a radio, they passed the time joking with their instructor and singing James Taylor and Eagles tunes.

They were the UNCW Forensics Team from the then-Division of Speech Communication in the Department of Creative Arts. The van and its passengers were on their way to a forensics competition – an exercise where individuals compete in a variety of oratorical events.

The adventure yielded more than trophies. For then-forensics coach and instructor Frank Trimble and undergraduate student Rick Olsen '87, it was the beginning of a unique, long-lasting friendship.

"When you spend hours and hours in a van together, you get to know people," Olsen said. "We have our roadside diner stories, and we got stranded in the snow. It built camaraderie."

Since their days in the tangerine van, Trimble and Olsen have shared many journeys.

Olsen followed Trimble in pursuing a career in communication studies.

He earned his Ph.D. and returned to his alma mater to teach as Trimble advanced to department chair.

As the communication studies program evolved, so did their friendship. Through the years, Trimble and Olsen have collaborated in community theatre, as professors, fellow basketball fanatics and band members, and they remain good friends.

"If there was a word for that, it would be fluidity. Our relationship moves from layer to layer so well. That is rare," Trimble noted.

"I truly respect Trimble. As a student, I sought him out and took every one of his courses that I could fit into my class schedule," Olsen said.

"I remember one time when he was teaching organizational communication, he arranged for Professor Carole Tallant to come into class during the middle of the lesson and say that she had lost her wedding ring in the classroom. Tallant, upset about the ring, wants to stop class and look for it, but Trimble won't let her. They start arguing in front of the class. When she left, he simply turned to us and said, 'OK, now let's talk about what just happened,' going on to use the situation to teach the deconstruction of power, control and conflict. Now, that's the way to teach," Olsen recounted.

Trimble recalled his mutual respect for Olsen. "I saw that fire in Rick. I noted early on his natural affinity for teaching. On those van rides, he would spend so much time helping others I would have to remind him, 'By the way, Rick, are you spending time on your own stuff?'"

In many ways, the relationship between Olsen and Trimble reflects the unique nature of the UNCW communication studies community. The faculty and staff "have access to one another you may not find at other institutions," Trimble said. Specializing in sub-disciplines that range from rhetorical theory to television production, they collaborate seamlessly, producing a family of communicators and giving students a positive, well-rounded experience.

True to the days in the tangerine van, there is always an element of fun. In 1998, Olsen and Trimble joined with other university colleagues to form a rock and roll cover band for a faculty talent show.

"It was only going to be a one-time gig," Olsen explained.

Now the well-established band, called The Schoolboys, which includes communication studies associate professor Bill Bolduc, management and marketing department chair James Hunt and Wilmington community member Carl Edwards, plays regularly at community venues and UNCW events.

"I think the band is a great extension of what we do at UNCW. We try to be positive role models, and it creates a greater sense of community," Bolduc said.

"It is always a funny compliment when students come up and say 'You guys are actually good,' " Trimble laughed.

While they both enjoy participating in The Schoolboys and other hobbies, Olsen and Trimble agree that their mutual dedication to enhancing communication is a driving force in both their friendship and their careers as educators.

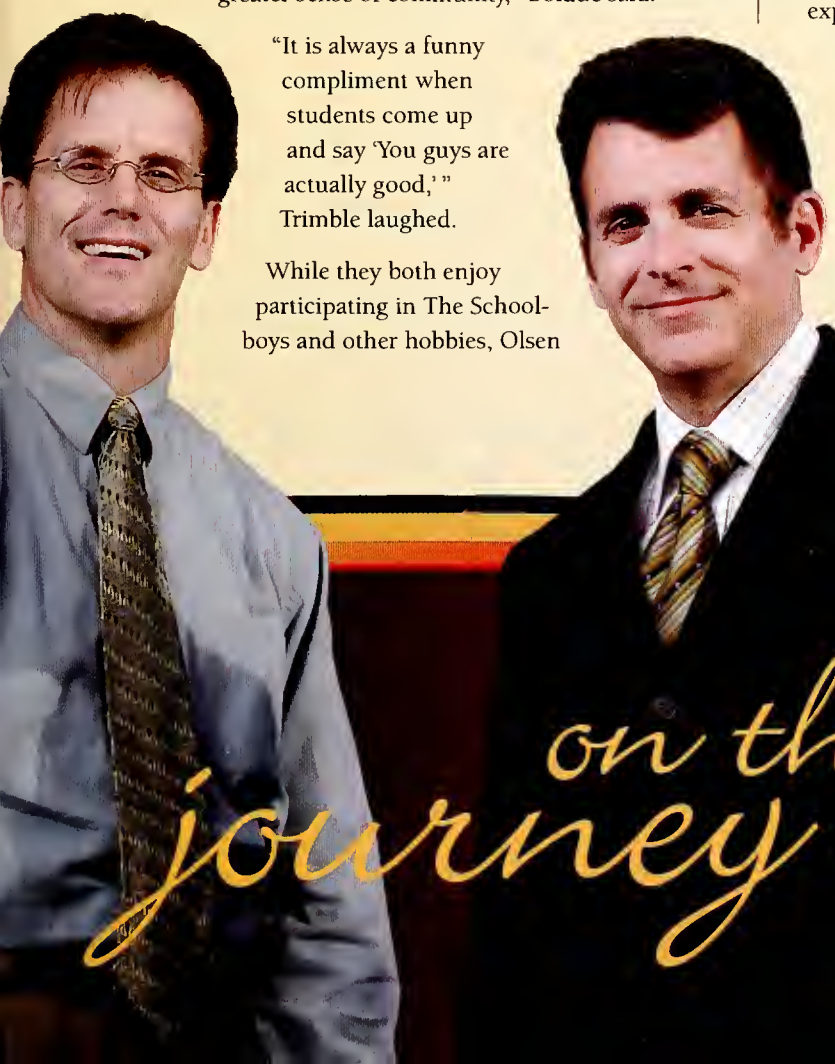
Beginning in July, the colleagues will have the opportunity to communicate with each other on another level when Olsen succeeds his former professor and coach as department chair. "Over his 24 years at UNCW and 13 years as chair, Frank has personified 'servant leadership.' His work to get us into Leutze Hall is probably the most obvious contribution, but he has been absolutely central to our development from a small division of liberal arts into one of the largest departments on campus," Olsen said.

Tallant remarked, "I think it is just wonderful that the mantle is being passed from Frank to Rick. They are both role models who embody everything this department strives for. Rick will bring a new and different energy and find his own way to help the department. Frank is ready to dive head first into other things."

Trimble is planning to return to the role of full-time professor. "I look forward to spending concentrated time on specific issues like community outreach and university enrichment projects," he said. The multi-talented leader is excited about exploring what he calls a public speaking support program, which would include one-on-one speech assistance to students in speech-writing and delivery.

"I look forward to the future," Trimble said. "Rick is strongly suited to manage the department."

Olsen said, "Bottom line, Frank will be on the bat phone, on speed dial. He has been a consultant throughout my life – all this history makes it nice. This process has been packed with 'full circle' moments."



Rick Olsen, left, and Frank Trimble, right

on the journey of life

Art of storytelling used to address stigma of HIV

by Kim Proukou

Frank Trimble knows the power of a good story.

Relying on his art as a storyteller, Trimble has crafted a profound story: a composite, fictional representation of research findings on stigma and the dilemmas faced by women with HIV. The story, "HIV-Related Stigma in Five Voices," upholds his legacy – that great storytelling requires unusual sensitivity and skillful construction.

In September 2003, Trimble was contacted by Wilmington resident Elizabeth Woodard, clinical assistant professor at UNC-CH School of Nursing, concerning her desire to disseminate research addressing psychosocial and socio-cultural needs related to the experience of stigma in HIV-positive women. The contact fostered an extraordinary collaboration between Woodard and colleagues from UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University, New Hanover Regional Medical Center (NHRMC) and UNC Wilmington.

A panel of NHRMC nurses, social workers and program administrators suggested transforming the research findings into an easy-to-understand narrative, in DVD form, that patients could view when waiting for clinical appointments. The NHRMC panel recommended that Woodard and her research team seek the resources to produce the DVD from nearby UNCW.

Led to the UNCW Television Production Studio and video-editing suite in the Department of Communication Studies, Woodard met Trimble. Trimble identified the need for artful use of disclosure – imparting the necessary information that the science required in a way that would convey understanding, acceptance and respect for the stories of these women.

Trimble's skill in scripting the monologues, the narrator's explanations, his stagecraft as well as his commitment to keeping the demographics of the actors true to that of the research participants resulted in an unique DVD widely used by health care providers and referenced by scholars and researchers.

Trimble was invited to co-author the article "From Synthesis to Script: Transforming Qualitative Research Findings for Use in Practice" published in the December 2006 issue of the medical journal *Qualitative Health Research*. Requests for both the DVD and the article have been received from health care organizations and from individuals worldwide.

Student makes history
as phonathon caller

by Andrea Weaver

Kris Amatuli '07 modestly deflects praise for becoming the first phonathon caller in UNCW history to raise more than $130,000 in gifts and pledges in a single semester.

"It has nothing to do with me," Amatuli said. "When I call alumni, I talk with them about the campus and about what's going on at the university now. They start telling me about when they were here and, once those gears start turning, the nostalgia takes over."

According to calling center manager Melissa Derrick, Amatuli's success as a caller is directly related to her own enthusiasm for UNCW.

"Kris loves UNCW, and she conveys that in her conversations with donors," Derrick said. "She was an inspiration to our other student callers and they, in turn, motivated her to excel."

The entire calling center team had an outstanding year, said Janell Seymour, director of annual giving. They inspired donors to contribute nearly $460,000 in gifts and pledges to support scholarships, programs and services across campus, she said.

"Our student callers really connected with alumni, parents and friends," Seymour said. "The university truly appreciates our callers' dedication and our donors' generosity."

Amatuli, who is from Garner, N.C., graduated in May with a double major in environmental science and Spanish. She plans to pursue an engineering degree at N.C. State University. She enjoyed helping UNCW raise funds because she wants future students to have exceptional opportunities to learn, just as she did.

"I'm really proud of this school. It has small class sizes and tough courses," she said. "I was accepted at UNC Chapel Hill, but I felt more at home at UNCW. I saw my advisor every day in the Student Recreation Center. He wrote my mom a thank you letter because she donated to the Environmental Studies Department. It's just so personal at UNCW."

When the phonathon begins again in August, Amatuli will be on the other end of the line. A UNCW student will call her to reminisce and to request a donation.

"I plan to give. As a recent graduate, I know I won't have much money, but I will give something because I care about UNCW."

Reminder: If you made a pledge during the phonathon, please submit your payment by June 30, 2007. Donors also pledged more than $61,000 in matching gifts. Please remember to contact your human resources office to obtain the appropriate forms if your company matches gifts to charitable organizations. Need more information? Contact the Office of Annual Giving at 910.962.7613.

Kris Amatuli was the first phonathon caller in UNCW history to raise more than $130,000 in gifts and pledges in a single semester.

20 scholarships created with $1 million gift

For the first time in UNCW history, every academic department has at least one endowed scholarship to award to deserving students.

Philanthropists Mark Griffis and Dave Robertson established 20 new scholarships in December, purposely giving many of them to departments that previously did not have a single scholarship to offer students. Their $1 million gift is the largest single commitment a donor has made to scholarships at one time in university history.

"Without a doubt, one of the highlights of my eight-year tenure as chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures was the day I learned that Mark Griffis and Dave Robertson had created a $50,000 endowed scholarship for foreign language students at UNCW," said Spanish professor Denise M. DiPuccio.

The donors named the scholarship in honor of Gabriella "Gaye" Hieb, co-founder and executive director of the Coastal AIDS Resource Effort (C.A.R.E.) in Wilmington.

"Griffis, Robertson and Hieb have set a fine example of global and local citizenship for all of us to follow," DiPuccio said. "It will be a pleasure to award this scholarship to students who match their academic excellence with compassionate outreach."

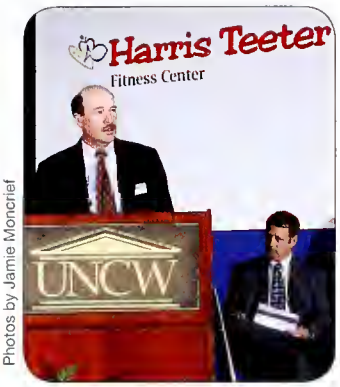
Jack Hall, chair of the Department of Environmental Studies, looks forward to using the William Burr Scholarship to recruit and retain talented students. "We are thrilled to be able to offer this scholarship to one of our many outstanding students," he said. "It will allow us to reward some of our most deserving students and, hopefully, to attract new students. This is a great addition to our department, and we are indebted to the donors for their thoughtfulness and generosity."

Griffis and Robertson, who have a residence in Wilmington, named the new scholarships for friends, the children of friends and other individuals important to them. None of their endowed gifts are named for themselves. Their philanthropic legacy at UNCW includes a total of 29 scholarships, funding for an art gallery, gifts for three one-time awards, a catastrophe relief fund and a $100,000 challenge gift to generate support for UNCW Alumni Association scholarships. Their total contributions to UNCW exceed $1.6 million.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said, "With their incredible generosity, Mark Griffis and David Robertson have made the stellar education UNCW offers more affordable for more students now and in the years to come. UNCW is extremely grateful for their friendship and dedication."

Community service is so important to the donors that each scholarship agreement requires recipients to volunteer.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo presented Mark Griffis, left, and David Robertson, right, with a Soaring Seahawk statue at a scholarship recognition luncheon in January. The two established 20 new scholarships that will be endowed at $50,000 each.



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Donors provide significant gifts to UNCW

Dan Marett of Harris Teeter announces the donation of $350,000 to the fitness center located in UNC Wilmington's Student Recreation Center.

The UNC Wilmington Parents Council presented Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo with a check for $190,000.

Wilmington Society members recognized

UNCW formally recognized members of the Wilmington Society for the first time in university history during a March reception hosted by the UNCW Foundation Board.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo presented custom-designed, commemorative lapel pins and certificates to several donors whose lifetime giving to the university exceeds $100,000. She thanked them "for a lifetime of dedication to UNCW."

A different commemorative pin was distributed to members of the Chancellor's Club, donors who contribute $2,500 or more within a fiscal year.

Harris Teeter Fitness Center

Harris Teeter and the Dickson Foundation Inc. donated $350,000 to the university to support student health and wellness. In April, UNCW dedicated the Harris Teeter Fitness Center in the Student Recreation Center. Tim McNeilly, campus recreation director, said, "The university will use this generous gift to update and maintain the fitness center equipment, and to enhance the exercise classes and other programs we offer."

Hodder Hall of Mentors

Wilmington residents Jim and Katie Hodder established a retained life estate agreement to give their house and property to benefit the university. The gift supports the UNCW Center for Marine Science, where the Hodders were active donors and volunteers. The couple's contributions to UNCW exceed $350,000. The university held a celebration in their honor in January; Jim Hodder passed away in April. "The Hodder Hall of Mentors is the largest tiered lecture classroom at CMS, and it is envisioned as a place of recognition for mentors in all walks of life," said CMS Director Daniel Baden.

Parents Colonnade Campaign

On behalf of the UNCW Parents Council, Landis Bullock presented a check for $190,000 to the university in January. The gift supports the Colonnade Campaign, a fund-raising initiative to construct a columned, covered walkway between the Fisher Student Center and the Burney Center. Chancellor DePaolo said, "UNCW has the most engaged, energetic, enthusiastic parents of any campus in North Carolina. Your generosity extends far beyond your own children, as demonstrated by this remarkable gift."

Osher Reentry Scholarship

The Bernard Osher Foundation awarded a $50,000 grant to the university to establish the Osher Reentry Scholarship Program. The program is designed to serve students who have collegiate credits from a four-year institution, but who have not been enrolled in an educational degree program for at least five years due to circumstances beyond their control. Additional qualifications include financial need and high academic standing. Osher Reentry Scholars may be enrolled as full-time or part-time undergraduates at UNC Wilmington.

Wise House closes for renovations

Wise Alumni House closed in mid-April for interior renovations and roof replacement.

The William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust provided $197,500 to renovate interior finishes including wainscoting, walls and wood floors. The university plans to invest $250,000 to replace the slate roof and the support structures under it. In addition, Wilmington resident Janice Kingoff '77 provided a gift to fund the repair of the stained glass window that illuminates the foyer and staircase.

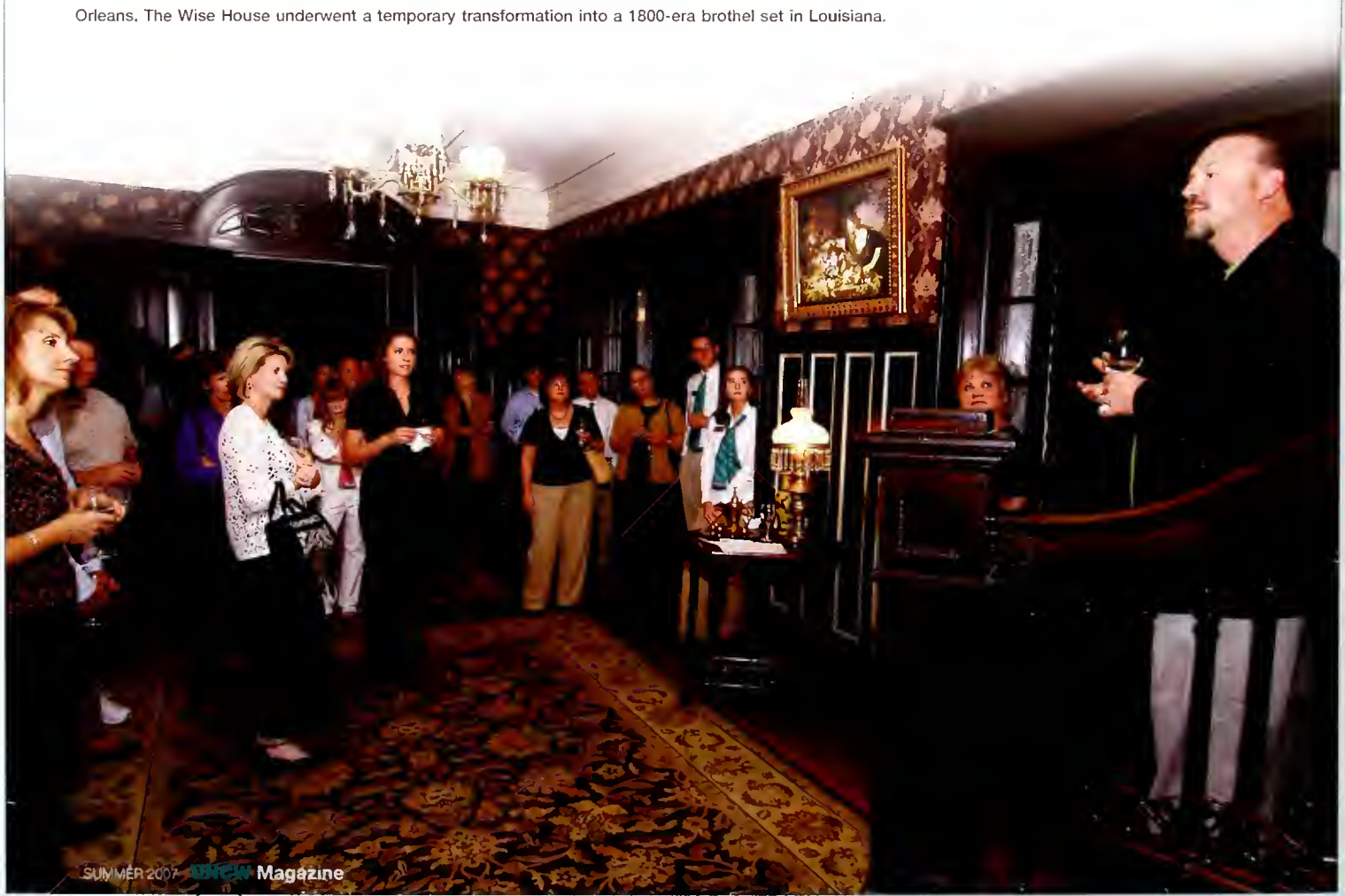
The renovations, scheduled for completion in fall 2007, are part of the preparations for celebrating the historic house's centennial celebration in 2009.

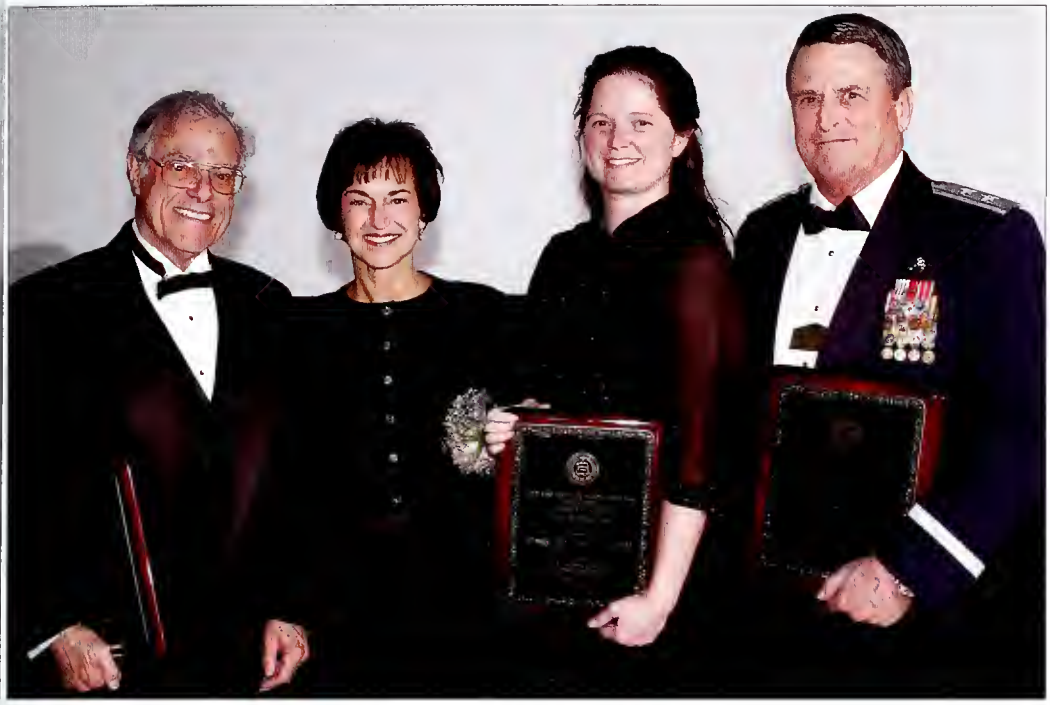
"The Wise Alumni House is a Wilmington treasure, and the UNCW Alumni Association sincerely appreciates the help and support the university has given and received to renovate it," said Donis Smith '86, '94M, outgoing association chair.

The family of Jessie Kenan Wise donated the house to the university in 1968, and it has served as the UNCW Alumni Association headquarters since 1994, a year after the organization committed $400,000 to preserve and update the house. To learn more about the architecture and history of the house, visit **www.uncw.edu/alumni/HistoricWiseAlumniHouse.htm**.

The UNCW Office of Alumni Relations has been relocated temporarily to 10 S. Cardinal Drive. The mailing address and all telephone numbers remain the same.

Vick Griffin, location manager for the film *Bolden!* talks to guests at the Wise Alumni House in April during a break between filming scenes. Production of the movie, a biographical account of the life of African American cornet player, Buddy Bolden, was filmed on location at the Wise House and in New Orleans. The Wise House underwent a temporary transformation into a 1800-era brothel set in Louisiana.





Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo poses with the 2007 UNCW Alumni Award winners: Frank Capra Jr., Citizen of the Year; Mandy Hill Cook, Young Alumna of the Year; and Maj. Gen. Thomas Dyches, Alumnus of the Year. The awards were presented at the scholarship endowment gala held Homecoming Weekend. Approximately $10,000 was raised as part of the association's efforts to endow its entire scholarship program. Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 awards. More information and nomination forms are available at **www.uncw.edu/alumni/awards.html.**

Norelius departs, interim appointed

The UNCW Alumni Association bids a fond farewell to Alumni Relations Director Caroline Norelius, who joined the university in January 2005. Claire Stanley, external and donor relations director in the Division for University Advancement, will serve as the interim alumni director while a national search is conducted. More information is available at **www.uncw.edu/alumni/news.html.**

Freshman **Sarah Richter**, center, carries on the UNCW tradition. Her parents Jamie and Jeff Richter graduated from UNCW in 1983 and 1982, respectively. She was one of 80 university legacy members among the freshman class, whose parent(s) or grandparent(s) are UNCW alumni.

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AAGA

The African American Graduate Association held its bi-annual Senior Sankofa on May 11. Members of the alumni chapter were on hand to watch graduating seniors of minority status receive their ceremonial medallion. To learn more about AAGA, contact chapter leader Enoch Hasberry '98 at ehasberry@yahoo.com.

Boston

Alumni gathered in June at Jillian's Boston to discuss the formation of an affiliate chapter support and promote the Seahawks. More information can be obtained by contacting Danielle Roudebush '97 at dlroudy@hotmail.com or Meredith Hoxie at mhoxie@yahoo.com.

Cameron School of Business

More than 200 Cameron School of Business alumni returned to campus for Business Week in March. About 100 alumni enjoyed appetizers and networked at a mixer in the new Computer Information Systems Building. Robert "Chip" Leavitt '91M and Todd Sammons '83 were recognized as the school's 2007 outstanding alumni for their personal achievement and service to the community and to Cameron School. Alumni interested in serving on the Strategic Planning Committee or volunteering for upcoming events should contact Sarah Hall Cain '99 at shcain@firsthorizon.com.

Cape Fear

A field of more than 120 golfers participated in the 14th annual Cape Fear Golf Classic in April. The event raised more than $5,500 for the Gerald Shinn Scholarship named for the professor of philosophy and religion who taught at UNCW from 1967 to 1995. The scholarship provides $1,500 to an incoming or currently enrolled undergraduate student and an additional $500 for books. All alumni and friends thank Jason Brett '01 and J.D. Terry '99 of First Horizon Home Loans for co-chairing the golf committee that put on this wonderful event.

More than 100 alumni and friends watched the Seahawks take on Northeastern University at Brooks Field during the ninth annual Grand Slam Jam on May 4. The pregame cookout was sponsored by K38 Baja Grill. Kristin Dunn '97, doc@ec.rr.com, is the chapter contact.

Charlotte

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo greeted more than 40 alumni at Maggiano's in "uptown" Charlotte. She led an informational dinner updating alumni on UNCW's goals and successes. Please contact the alumni relations office at alumni@uncw.edu.

Communication Studies

"Career Builders" was the theme for Communication Studies Day 2007 on March 23. During two panel discussions, a cross section of recent graduates shared stories and insights from their experiences in graduate programs and professional positions. The Communication Studies Society hosted its fifth annual Dress for Success Fashion Show, and communication studies students networked with visiting alumni during a social gathering. More information on the chapter is available by contacting Frank Trimble at trimblef@uncw.edu or David Bollinger at bollingerd@uncw.edu.

Crew Club

A group of approximately 20 dedicated Crew Club alumni and 12 current crew club members met for their annual rowing and networking social the weekend of St. Patrick's Day. They met at the UNCW boathouse for a row, had lunch at PT's Olde Fashioned Grill, toured campus and finished the evening with dinner at Front Street Brewery. More information on this annual gathering can be obtained by contacting Jennifer Triplett '97 at jltriplett@gmail.com or Curt Browder '92 at browderwilliam@yahoo.com.

Florida

Alumni held networking socials in Orlando and Fort Lauderdale in March and discussed plans for future events. More information can be obtained by contacting Kevin Snyder '99 at snydee7c@erau.edu in the Orlando area or Rich Dzicek '89 at rich@infinitytelcomconsulting.com in Fort Lauderdale.

Maryland

A group of alumni met at Porters Pub and Grille June 26 to plan a networking social event for Sept. 7. Those planning to attend should bring business cards to share with others. Events for 2008 in Baltimore will be discussed. Chapter members want to start a customized UNCW license plate program in Maryland. A one-time $50 tag fee would be charged in addition to the regular motor vehicle fee; $25 would be returned to the UNCW Alumni Association to support undergraduate and graduate scholarships. For more information, or to RSVP for upcoming events, contact Jeff Lee '02 at jeff@leefinancial associates.com.

New York

For the second straight year, more than 30 alumni gathered for a networking social at the Tonic Bar in Manhattan. Former Student Ambassadors attended the social and all were please to see the exciting highlights of UNCW. More information can be obtained by contacting Gerry Marano '01 at gerry.marano@ey.com or Joshua Torok '01 at Josh.Torok@ey.com.

Triangle

More than 100 alumni and friends gathered on June 16 for the annual Durham Bulls baseball event hosted by the Triangle Alumni Chapter. Alumni interested in participating in the 2008 event should send an e-mail to alumni@uncw.edu.

Richmond

Alumni living in Virginia interested in obtaining a customized UNCW license plate should contact alumni@uncw.edu. The license plates would support the UNCW Alumni Association's undergraduate and graduate scholarship programs.

Wilmington College

Members of the Wilmington College Alumni Chapter should mark their calendars for the following gatherings: July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17. Contact Jim Medlin '52 at 910.791.5259 for more information.

1960s

David E. Allen '69 completed his Doctor of Arts in Education in October 2006. He is the General Electric grant coordinator with the New Hanover County Board of Education and an adjunct professor with Strayer University in Virginia.

1970s

Sue S. Hammond '71, historian at Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church, was featured in UNC-TV's *North Carolina Now* segment focusing on Wilmington's connections with China. She told the story of Charles Jones Soong, a Chinese ship stowaway who was baptized at the church in the late 1800s and whose children were instrumental in transforming China and Taiwan. Playing flute, Sue also performed her original song, *Chinese Hymn in Memory of Madame Chiang Kai-shek*, as background music during the segment.

Michael W. Lewis '71 was recognized in December 2006 for 25 years of service at Wrightsboro Baptist Church where he is minister of education, outreach and senior adults

Writing under the name Barbara Chenoweth, **Barbara Boob '76** of Raleigh authored *Monsterfix*, a rhyming picture book for children ages 2 to 5.

James M. Johnson Jr. '76 was appointed chief probation officer for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

The owner of Ben & Jerry's Charleston, S.C., **E. Fred vom Lehn Jr. '76** is the only two-time winner of Ben & Jerry's Social Mission Award that acknowledges the company's extensive work in the community. Charleston Mayor Joseph Riley commended Fred for giving tourist-generated money back to the community.

Ray Warren '79 is the state policies director for the Marijuana Policy Project, the leading organization seeking reforms to legalize medical marijuana use.

1980s

William P. Heitman '80 was elected to the First Flight Society Board of Directors. He is a captain with Canadair Regional Jet, United Airlines Express, and is the author of two aviation books.

David Lynch '80 retired from the Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department where he was assistant director. He was a city employee for 26 years.

James D. Montague Jr. '80 is the head baseball coach at North Lenoir High School and led the team to consecutive 2-A state championships in 2005 and 2006.

Pam Whitlock '80, director of sponsored programs at UNC Wilmington, was elected president of the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) and will serve a one-year term. She is also serving her third year as faculty for the nationally recognized Fundamentals of Research Administration workshop sponsored by NCURA.

Francis X. DeLuca '81 was named state director of the Americans for Prosperity Foundation of North Carolina.

Jerry Allsbrook '82 was promoted to chief marketing officer with Boddie-Noell Enterprises Inc. and has strategic marketing responsibility for the company's 357 restaurants.

Charles E. Ponton '82 was elected Master of Wilmington Lodge No. 319 Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons, one of the oldest Masonic lodge in North Carolina Charles is the owner-broker of Ponton Realty and lives in Wilmington with his wife, **Wanda Costin Ponton '85**, and two sons, Noah and Caleb.

Dennis Tobin '82 is superintendent of the Hardyston Township School District in Hamburg, N J. He was featured in a Dec. 11, 2006, article in the *New Jersey Herald*

Marcia J. Avedon '83 is senior vice president, human resources and communications, with Ingersoll-Rand Company Limited, based in Montvale, N.J. She was also elected an officer of the company and will serve as a member of the company's Enterprise Leadership Team.

Dan Dunlop '84 was named president and chief executive officer of Jennings, a Chapel Hill-based marketing and branding agency.

C. Dean Horne '84 was promoted to assistant managing partner with Pittard Perry & Crone Inc. He serves as director of technology, chair of the inspection team and member of the business development and marketing committee. As a certified valuation analyst, he assists clients in business valuations.

H. E. (Mac) McClaren '85 is vice president for government programs at Bell Helicopter and is responsible for the presidential helicopter replacement program, Eagle Eye and unmanned aircraft programs.

Karen Tart Tomczak '86 is chief information officer with the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

An exhibit of works by the late **Jeanne D. Davies '87** hangs in Hoggard Hall at UNCW. Jeanne willed a collection of her works and those of local artists to Randall Library.

Shirley Prince '87M was named 2007 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year by the N.C. Association of School Administrators and the N.C. School Board Association. She has served as superintendent of schools in Scotland County since 1999.

Erika Hayes-Gower '88 is a sales associate with the Coldwell Banker Howard Perry and Walston Crabtree office. She lives in Raleigh with her husband, Sonny, and five children.

L. Markham Hibbs Jr. '88, business editor of *Carteret County News-Times*, was the 2006 recipient of the Carteret County Hospitality Association's Jack Goldstein Hospitality Award for dedicated service to the promotion of tourism

James R. Juma '89 was Employee of the Month for June 2006 and Employee of the Year for 2006 at New Hanover Health Network where he is a nursing assistant.

1990s

Donna Chandler Kornegay '90 earned a Ph.D. in counselor education at NC State University. She is self-employed as a therapist and resides in Durham with her husband, **Dexter Kornegay '90**

Daniel R. Norris '90 is the author of *Carolina Beach: Images and Icons from a Bygone Era*. He teaches biology at Cape Fear Community College.

Cliff Wilkins '90 was promoted in 2006 to lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Army.

John L. Belt '92 earned a Master of Education Administration degree in December 2006 from Franciscan University. He is the Science Department chair for Indian Creek Local Schools in Ohio.

Mark J. Bieberich '92 was promoted to vice president, communications infrastructure research, at Yankee Group in Severn, Md. He is responsible for all market research of global communications infrastructure.

Matt Fish '92 is a basketball coach at Mountain Pointe High School in Ahwatukee, Ariz.; director of Steven Hunt, Eddie Johnson and Matt Fish camps; and coach/facilitator of Phoenix Suns camps. He resides in Chandler, Ariz.

John H. Brunjes '93 is a research scientist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources migratory bird program.

Gabe Wood '93 had roles in *One Tree Hill*, *Surface* and the feature film *Asylum*.

A kindergarten teacher at Forest View Elementary School in Durham, **James Barnhill '94** received National Board Certification

Philip E. Berger Jr. '94 was elected district attorney for Judicial District 17A. He and his wife, **Jodie Church Burger '96**, reside in Eden with their two children.

Pamela Watson Heath '94 earned a master's degree in healthcare administration in May 2006 from UNC Chapel Hill.

Meghan McHugh Sauer '94 '95 is a middle school science teacher with Vance County Schools.

Kim Falcone Sousa '94 was appointed marketing director of Richard D. Kimball Company Inc., a leading building systems engineering firm. She is a member and past president of the Boston Chapter of the Society for Marketing Professional Services, current chair of the Marketing/PR Committee of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts and a member of the board of directors of the Women's Transportation Seminar. She participated in the Transportation Committee for MassGAP, the Massachusetts Governor's Appointment Project. She is chair of the Andover Housing Board of Trustees. The mother of two resides in Andover, Mass., with her husband, Jay

Lee Ann Walker-Cooper '94, who is in her seventh year on the LPGA Tour, obtained sponsorship from Lonesource Inc.

Rose D. Brown '95 was appointed director of community development for the Triangle Chapter of National Black MBA Association. She is market support manager for Humana Inc. and is pursuing a doctorate in healthcare administration from University of Phoenix

Ginger R. Garner '95 of Emerald Isle is the founder and president of Professional Yoga Therapy Studies, the only recognized post professional school of yoga therapy for licensed health care professionals in the United States. Her Web site is livingwellyogaproject.com

Eric Johnson '96 works in sales with Europa Sports Products in Charlotte.

Stacy A. Wood '96 is a senior program manager with WildBlue Communications. She resides in Centennial, Colo.

Kelly Crisp '97, '01M is a member of the musical duo, Rosebuds, which released its third CD titled *Night of the Furies* in April 2007. The Web site is www.therosebuds.com

Stephaney Shehane Leskinen '97, '00M is a research associate in rapid detection of microorganisms at the Advanced Biosensors Laboratory and Center for Biological Defense at the University of South Florida.

Anthony T. Santos '97 is a marine observer with MRAG Americas working in American Samoa and the Hawaiian Islands.

Ben Branch '98 completed an internship in family practice in Charleston, S.C., and is a resident in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

April D. Wall '98 is a National Board Certified Teacher teaching first grade at Alderman Elementary School in Wilmington

Lt. j.g. **Leah Harman '99** is the small boat and diving operations officer at Southeast Fisheries Science Center in Miami, Fla., and works with the Fisheries Assessment, Monitoring and Ecology (FAME) unit conducting visual reef fish counts.

Cliff R. Smith '99, '03M graduated from Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree

2000s

Scott Grissom '00 is an agent with North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in Vance County

Justin Howard '00 is an associate with the law firm Helms Mulliss Wicker in Raleigh.

Jim Hundley '00M is the chief executive office of Waterline Marine Construction & Consulting in Wilmington

Vivien D. Porter '00 passed the licensed clinical social worker exam in December 2006. She is a psychotherapist with Behavioral Health Care of Cape Fear Valley Health System in Fayetteville

Allison K. Ragon '00 coordinates orientation and first-year student programs at Lehigh University. She resides in Allentown, Pa.

Melissa E. Raymer '00 received a Master of Library Science degree from NC Central University. She was employed with Perkins Library-Duke University and has accepted the position of public services librarian with Cape Fear Community College.

Andrew Weaver '00 and **Lauren Venters Weaver '00** have relocated to Charleston, S.C. Drew left the U.S. Marine Corps as a captain and is a logistic analyst with Eagan and McAllister Associates. Lauren is involved in the South Carolina Mentor foster family program

Benjamin M. Whitlock '00, '05M is a certified public accountant and is employed by McGladrey & Pullen **Elizabeth Fugate-Whitlock '00, '03M** is pursuing a Ph.D. at the Medical College of Virginia. She is a lecturer in the gerontology program at UNC Wilmington.

Kevin B. Williams '02 earned a Master of Social Work degree from the Joint Masters of Social Work Program through North Carolina A&T University and UNC Greensboro. He was awarded a Child Welfare Education Collaborative Scholarship. He is a foster care social worker with Rowan County Social Services.

Travis Cook '01 was promoted to on-premise key account manager for Jackson Beverage.

Dan Guy '01 is a communication specialist with Progress Energy in Raleigh, managing employee communications for the customer and market services division

Joni Marr '01 is a wellness coach in Winthrop University's Department of Health and Physical Education. She is pursuing a master's degree in physical education from Winthrop

Randy Mickle '01, new home sales counselor for Ryland Homes in Noblesville, Ind., was named Rookie of the Year at the 2006 Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis annual Merchandise and Marketing Excellence Awards.

Brandon A. Mills '01 is an e-commerce specialist for Performance-Education.com, a site providing educators with resources for teaching and free lesson plans. He resides in Ithaca, N.Y.

David Minella '02 is an advertising and public relations manager for ShopBot Tools in Durham.

Lindsey Pearce Reiner '02 earned National Board Teacher Certification and teaches in New Hanover County Schools. **Todd E. Reiner '02** is a mortgage loan counselor with Wachovia.

Collin Beck '03 of Garner is the operational manager for Labor Finders

Kimberly Bertels '03 earned a Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in neonatal nurse practitioner from East Carolina University. She works at Medical University of South Carolina

Stephan Caldwell '03 is an art director with MarketSmart Advertising in Raleigh. His Web site is www.stephancaldwell.com.

Susan Crispell '03 is an account assistant with Talk PR in Wilmington.

Liz Hair '03 is working in the Department of the Army Internship Program at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Asheville Regulatory Field Office.

Arnar Stefansson '03 is a marketing manager with Halmynd Ehf in Reykjavik, Iceland. His wife, **Elizabeth Unger '02**, is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Iceland.

Faydra Stratton '03M had her story titled "My Fragile X" posted to the Web version of *Newsweek* in February 2007. Her story "First Fall" was in the premier issue of *The Ankeny Briefcase*, published in December 2006, and "Miracles" appeared in the February 2007 issue of *Relief*

Bob '01, '05M and **Dawn Carroll York '99, '03M** are the owners of Masonboro Home and Garden. Dawn is also a coastal biologist with Coastal Planning and Engineering in Wilmington

Jennifer Baker '04 was promoted to vice president for business banking with Bank of America in Fairfax, Va.

Maggie Jo Wingfield Consey '04, registered nurse at Huntington Hospital in Huntington, N.Y., is enrolled in the adult health nurse practitioner program at Stony Brook University in Long Island, N.Y.

Dana Rohrbacher '04 established the Silver Pearl Professional Concierge Service in Wilmington. Her Web site is silverpearlconcierge.com.

Christy "Michelle" Stephenson '04 earned a Master of Education degree from North Carolina Central University in December 2006. She is a speech-language pathologist at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield

M. Kay Hovious '05 is the co-owner of SolarHair Salon, a full-service hair and tanning salon, which is managed by her children, Shari Cox Martin and Gary Cox. She is also the officer manager for Raymond James Financial Services in Wilmington.

Anna Kooiman '05 is the morning news anchor at WNWO-TV Channel 24 in Toledo, Ohio.

Kathleen M. Karlon '05, '06M is a math/statistics analyst with the U.S. Department of Commerce. She resides in Alexandria, Va.

Elizabeth MacChainnigh '05 graduated from Savannah School of Art & Design in December 2006 with a Master of Arts degree in historic preservation.

Kate Shanahan '05 is director of marketing and membership services at the State Club, a private club on NC State University's Centennial Campus

Brad Ballou '06 is pursuing a master's degree in political management at George Washington University and is a staff assistant in Sen. Elizabeth Dole's office in Washington, D.C.

Brandon L. Boswell '06M, who is legally blind, published *My Personal Journey on the Road of Life*, a book of inspirational Christian humor developed from his graduate thesis that encourages people with physical disabilities to follow their dreams

Christy Chambers '06 is the staffing administrator with Fidelity Investments in Durham

Bernadette Jay '06 is a reporter with WECT-TV 6.

Steven M. Nelson '06 is the development director for Coastal Christian High School, assistant regional director for Halo Hoops Ministries Inc. and is enrolled in the Duke University Nonprofit Management Program. He also volunteers as the discipleship group leader at St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Kai Oliver-Kurtin '06 is a marketing assistant with Arcadia Publishing in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Brian D. Williamson '07M received the 2007 President's Award from the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Weddings

Cheryl Barela '92 and Michael L. Fekete on Sept. 30, 2006. Cheryl is a senior clinical research project manager with ICON Clinical Research in Aberdeen.

Michael Persiani '94 and Danielle Michaels on Aug. 4, 2006. Michael is the general manager of Ruby Tuesday in Wilmington.

Allyson Kane '95 and **Jonathan Kime '94** on June 3, 2006.

Julie Scott '95 and Martinez Steverson on Nov. 4, 2006. Julie is an assistant vice president with BB&T in Wilson.

Stacey Gillings '98 and **Roosevelt Richard '97** on Nov. 4, 2006. Stacey is an assistant operations manager with the VIF Program, and Roosevelt is the community program manager with Triumph, LLC. They reside in Morrisville.

Meghan McCleery '98 and Daniel J. Odorizzi on Oct. 21, 2006. Meghan is director of alumnae affairs at Peace College.

Amy M. Piner '98 and Tim B. Howard on June 17, 2006. Amy is a physical therapist with PT Services of Wilmington. She earned a doctorate in physical therapy from East Carolina University in 2006.

Kristy Oakley '99 and Jimmy R. Long on Oct. 21, 2006. Kristy is a clinical research coordinator at Duke University Medical Center.

Jason L. Brown '00 and Angela A. Almand on Nov. 11, 2006. Jason is a commercial real estate portfolio specialist with SunTrust Bank in Raleigh.

Mary Wilkinson '00 and **Joseph W. Casper '02** on Nov. 11, 2006. Mary is an assistant vice president and commercial portfolio specialist with SunTrust Bank, and Billy is a coordinator with Verizon Wireless. They reside in Wilmington.

Lisa M. Bryan '01 and Shawn R. Padgett on May 6, 2006. Lisa graduated from the registered nurse program at Coastal Carolina Community College.

Brooke Davis '01 and **James M. Fulcher '02** on April 29, 2006. Brooke is a retail banking officer with Sound Bank, and James is an electronics technician with Wes Tech International. They reside in Morehead City.

Keith "Huck" Huxley III '01 and Heather L. Reid on July 23, 2005. He is a corporate sales account manager with Office Depot. They reside in Charlotte.

Charles C. Blanton '02 and Melissa J. Pudiwitr on April 1, 2006.

Andrew R. Farrell '02 and **Laura M. Kmec '02** on Sept. 9, 2006. Andrew is a dentist with Spelios and Associates, and Laura is a speech language pathologist with CCA Rehab Inc. They reside in Raleigh.

Casey L. Goforth '02 and Steven J. Lockler on July 29, 2006. Casey teaches in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Kristen R. Hull '02 and Stephen J. Hill on May 27, 2006. Kristen earned a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership – educational media, instructional technology and computers – in May 2006 from Appalachian State University. She is a technology facilitator and computer lab teacher at Union Cross Elementary School in Kernersville.

Mariana Molina '02 and Bryan Deweese on Nov. 18, 2006. She works in major account services with ADP. They reside in Raleigh.

Jason Thornton '03 and **Heather Kozak '02** on July 2, 2006.

Kelly Swicegood '04 and J. Michael Landen Jr. on Dec. 16, 2006. Kelly is a staff accountant with VisionAIR Inc.

Nancy L. Bell '05 and Jarman Sullivan on April 14, 2006. Nancy teaches in Clinton City Schools.

Jennifer M. Hanes '05M and **Todd M. Sullivan '98** on Sept. 30, 2006. Jennifer is the director of development for Cape Fear Botanical Garden, and Todd is vice president of Sullivan's Highland Funeral Service and Crematory. They reside in Fayetteville.

Tina L. Marburger '05M and Ted J. Hawkins on April 21, 2007. Tina is a senior accountant with Centro-Watt. They reside in Wilmington.

Noelle Pate '05 and **Joshua Inman '04** on Oct. 21, 2006. They both are employed by Starpower Talent Competition, Noelle as manager and Joshua as vice president of marketing. They reside in Edgewater, Md.

Hannah Justice '06 and James M. Anderson on June 24, 2006. Hannah teaches seventh grade special education in Williamson County (Tenn.) Schools. They reside in Franklin, Tenn.

Amy McNeill '06 and Philip Holmes on July 29, 2006. Amy is a first grade teacher at Rocky Point Primary School.

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BIRTHS

To **Jack N. Allen '80** and his wife Tania, a son, John, on Aug. 9, 2005. Jack is the director, supply chain, for Scientific Atlanta.

To **Mathew S. Shanklin '88** and his wife Michelle, a daughter, Izabella Grace, on Dec. 7, 2006. Mathew is associate athletic director at the University of Arkansas.

To **Jeff Padlo '89** and his wife Trish, a daughter, Paisley Ehana, on Oct. 3, 2006. A regional sales manager with American Medical Systems, Jeff earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University. They reside in Atlanta.

To **Steve Hailey '92** and his wife Jennifer, a daughter, Lindsey Nicole, on Dec. 26, 2006.

To **Holly Price Roberson '93** and her husband Douglas, a son, John William Joseph, on May 19, 2006. Holly is the Suffolk bureau chief for the *Virginian-Pilot*.

To **Allison Price MacKenzie '95** and her husband William, a son, William Ethan, on May 23, 2006. Allison is a school counselor with Lexington District 4 in South Carolina.

To **Jennifer Baughan Mertus '95** and her husband David, a son, Cole Daniel, on May 24, 2006. Jennifer is an attorney and law professor at Whittier Law School.

To **Pamela Hartman Ritchie '95 '04M** and her husband Scott, a son, Luke, born on Jan. 12, 2006.

To **Tracy Zettel Miceli '95** and her husband Tim, a daughter, Nichole Ashlyn, on Oct. 18, 2006. Tracy is an account service executive with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

To **Angie Lawrence Ashley '96** and her husband Jeff, a son, Davis, on Sept. 28, 2006.

To **Cara Hayes Costello '97** and her husband Brian, a son, Hayes Joseph, on Nov. 22, 2006.

To **Van (Trey) '97** and **Jill Davis Gunter '05M**, a daughter, Payton Grace, on July 11, 2006.

To **Channing '97** and **Melissa Hogan Hill '98**, a daughter, Claire Braxton, on Sept. 5, 2006.

To **Jackie Howell Hudson '97** and her husband Jamie, a daughter, Madison Grayce, on Aug. 19, 2006. Jackie is a first-grade teacher at Meadow Elementary in Johnston County.

To **Matt N. '98** and **Jennifer L. Fagan '00**, a daughter, Allison Michelle, on May 9, 2006. Jennifer is the online marketing manager for Newland Communities, and Matt is senior systems engineer and service manager for Strategic Technologies.

To **Lesia Straughn McKenzie '98** and her husband Brian, a son, Briggs, on Oct. 11, 2006. Lesia is vice president, business banker, with First Citizens Bank.

To **David T. '98** and **Rhonda Powell Pedersen '97**, a son, Owen David, on Aug. 19, 2005. David is the regional business development manager for Medfusion, and Rhonda is an account executive with BB&T. They reside in Raleigh.

To **Carey Tulak Running '98** and her husband Mike, a daughter, Payton Elizabeth, on Jan. 22, 2007.

To **Melissa Grady Anderson '99** and her husband Philip, a son, Dylan, on Dec. 20, 2006.

To **Tressa Hollingsworth Dunn '99** and her husband Charles, a son, Huck, on March 24, 2006.

To **Robert N. Jennings '99** and his wife Angelina, a son, Noel Jackson, on Sept. 20, 2006. Robert is an associate attorney with Davis & Humbert.

To **Amy Jarrell Faile '00** and her husband Craig, a son, Nicholas Sean, on Oct. 11, 2006. Amy is a computer tomography technologist with Carolinas Healthcare System.

To **Jeremy Morgan '00** and his wife Mary, a daughter, Emily Grace, on Sept. 22, 2006.

To **Allison Edmonds Oxendine '00** and her husband Garrick, a daughter, Grace Caroline, on Feb. 17, 2007. Allison is the regional director of the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council in Sanford.

To **Autumn Beasley Johnson '01** and her husband Felix, a daughter, Harper Maria, on Dec. 19, 2006. Autumn was promoted to utilization management coordinator with the Barry Robinson Center.

To **Shemekka (Coleman) Miles '02** and her husband Tyrone, a son, Coren Jahmonti, on Oct. 20, 2006.

To **Nathan '02** and **Kristen Waller Agner '03**, a son, Spencer, on Sept. 14, 2006. Nathan is an eighth grade social studies teacher in Brunswick County.

To **Leann Brumfield Heath '04** and her husband Glenn, a son, Kylee Dale, on Oct. 16, 2006. Leann is a behavior technician with HomeCare Management.

To **Ruby Cashawn Wallace '06**, a son, Skyler, on Dec. 12, 2006.

Deaths

Allannah M. Franklin '00 died Dec. 23, 2006.

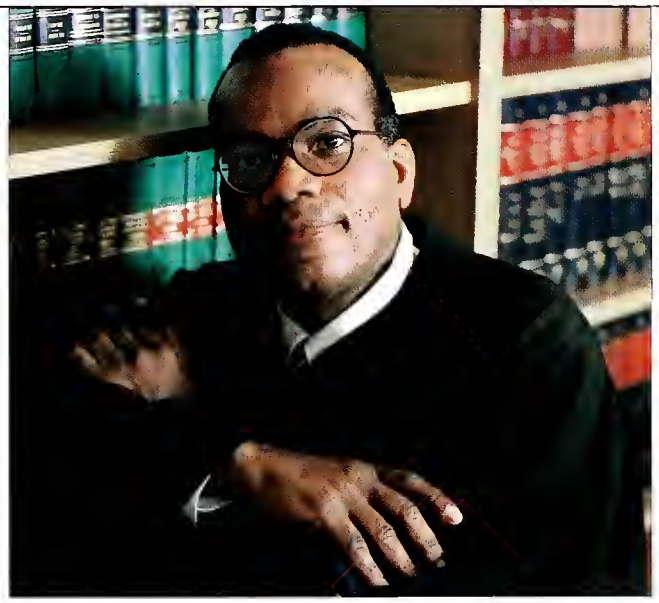
Michael P. Foucht '01 died Feb. 5, 2007.

Jessica M. Abate '05 died Jan. 13, 2007.

Breaking ground for future generations

by Brian Brooks '07

Earnest Fullwood '66, the first black graduate of Wilmington College, asserts that life is not about boundaries but about learning and breaking new ground in the process.



In 2006, Fullwood retired as senior resident Superior Court judge of the Fifth Judicial District after serving 18 years in the New Hanover and Pender county courts.

A native of Wilmington, Fullwood enrolled at Wilmington College in 1962 during the integration movement, when black students were being accepted into predominantly white colleges. He said he lived in a segregated society, but still "went outside and played, ran around with friends, went to church and attended school daily."

Fullwood said he didn't feel deprived of an education growing up. To this day, he credits his guidance counselor with telling him to attend Wilmington College.

Fullwood expressed that his educational qualities were not a major factor in his consideration for admission, but rather the fact that the school felt it was ready to accept black students. To him, it was clear that he had to go to college, and like most first-year students, he wondered how he would stack up to others. He has no doubt that he met, and possibly exceeded, the expectations of other students seeking admission.

At Wilmington College, Fullwood was involved with the radio club and ran for student council vice president. Although he lost the election by two votes, he found the margin "pretty amazing" and noted it as a "huge personal accomplishment."

During his entire time as a student at Wilmington College, Fullwood could only recall one incident in which he encountered a racial issue. "One day while I was waiting for the bus in the circle, three guys came by in a vehicle. They yelled something derogatory. I really didn't think much of it," Fullwood said. "The very next day, William Randall, who was the chancellor at the time, called me into his office and told me he had been informed about the hazing. He said if anything like that ever happened again, I was to report it immediately. Never again did an incident occur in my four years on campus. Apparently someone on the faculty thought it important enough to press the issue."

After leaving Wilmington, Fullwood began studying law at Howard University, but left to serve in the Army. When he returned to the classroom at NC Central University, Fullwood found himself changing his dreams of medicine to those of law.

"My earliest remembrance of entertaining the idea of doing law was in seventh grade; I was in a class and called upon to speak. Afterwards, my teacher told me, 'you'd make a good lawyer.' That was special to me, and I remembered that."

Still, in high school and college, it was beyond his thinking that he would be head of New Hanover County's Fifth Judicial District.

Fullwood credits good teachers with pushing him to where he is today, but he maintains learning occurs because of the effort of the student and said the best students do not need teachers at all.

"The first job," he said, "is to put yourself in the best position you can possibly get in."

At this point in his life, Fullwood feels very fortunate, citing his good health. He also noted, "I've enjoyed a good reputation."

Now that he is retired, Fullwood said he does not want to do anything career wise right away. "Many people have goals and reach them later in life. Changing goals is fine as well, but not having a goal at all is bad. I have worked hard and enjoyed life. Now I want to enjoy my retirement."

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4	Independence Day
	UNCW Offices Closed
18	Wilmington College Alumni Lunch
23	Carolina Ballet Gala Performance *

August

15	Wilmington College Alumni Lunch
12	Freshmen Move-In
18	Legacy Luncheon
22	First Day of Classes

September

3	Labor Day
	UNCW Offices Closed
15	Cape Fear Jazz Society *
16	N.C. Symphony *
19	Wilmington College Alumni Lunch
21	Arts in Action Series *
	ChocQuibTown
29	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra *

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1	UNCW Wind Symphony *
6-9	Fall Break
12	N.C. Symphony *
13	Family Weekend
	1-3 p.m. Photos at Wise Alumni House
13	Arts in Action Series *
	Erin McKeown
15	Leadership Lecture Series
	Tim Flannery "The Weathermakers"
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17	Wilmington Concert Association *
20	Arts in Action Series *
	Mark Marshall & Darol Anger
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	Azar Nafisi "Republic of the Imagination"
26	Arts in Action Series
	Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana
27	College Day
27	N.C. Symphony *
31	UNCW Wind Symphony *

November

1	Arts in Action *
	Regina Carter
3	Wilmington Symphony *
8	Evening of Brass *
19	UNCW Wind Symphony *
22-25	Thanksgiving Break
	UNCW Office Closed

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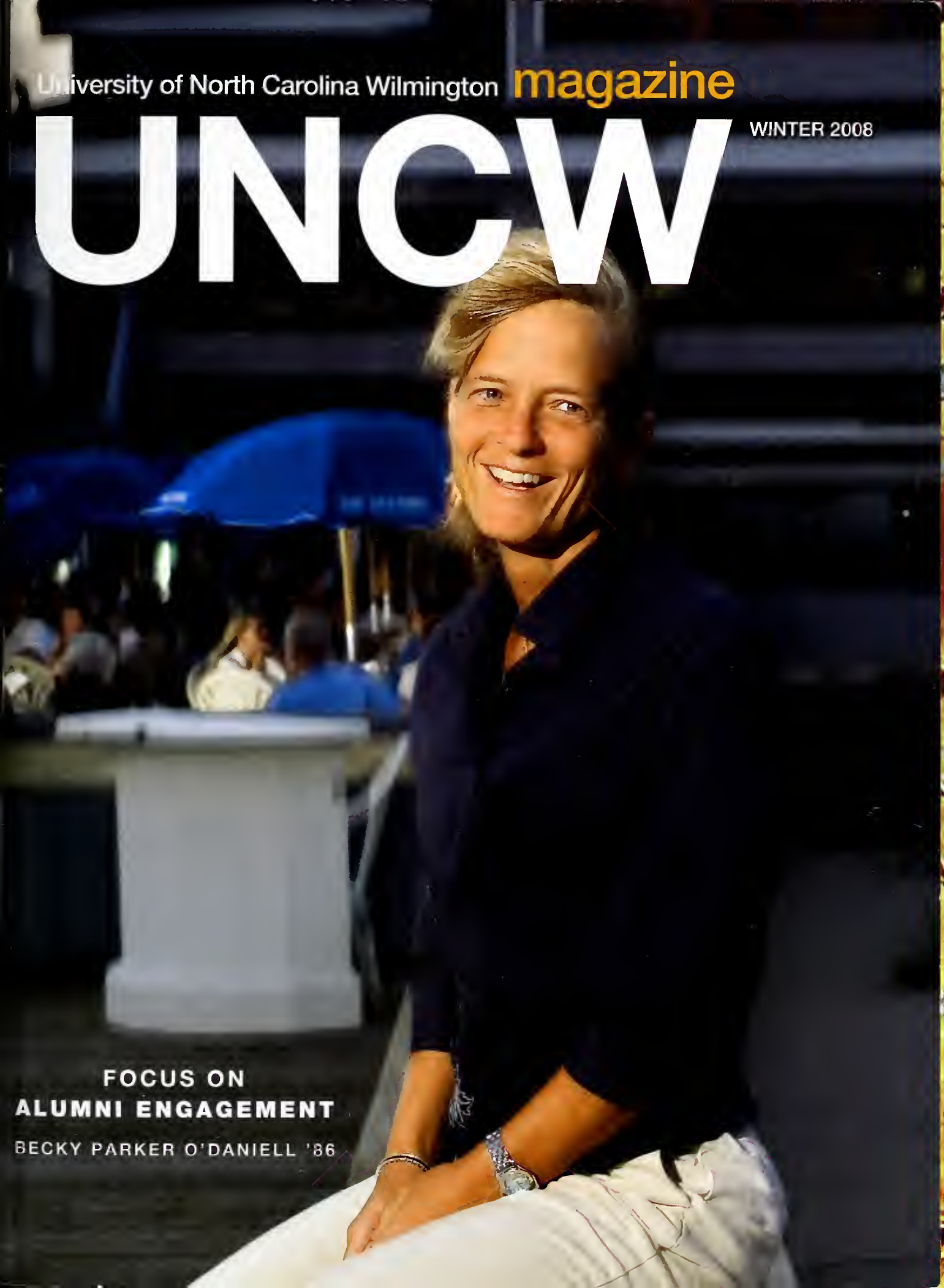

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BECKY PARKER O'DANIELL '86

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On the cover:
Becky Parker O'Daniell '86 is president and principle shareholder of Atlantic Ouest Corp., parent corporation to four premier area restaurants. *Inc. Magazine* or recently cited Atlantic Ouest among the 5,000 fastest-growing companies in the nation. O'Daniell is the exemplification of engaged Cameron School of Business alumni who share their expertise with students. On the pier at the Oceanic Restaurant in Wrightsville Beach, guests enjoy one of the finest ocean views on the eastern seaboard.
Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Freshman Gogo Alata Lomo-David gets a "wave" flowing across Trask Coliseum as the Class of 2011 gathers for Convocation on Aug. 20. The students started their program at the UNCW Clock Tower before making the trek to Trask for greetings from university leaders. Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Dear alumni and friends

The holiday season always causes me to pause and reflect on the many things for which I am thankful, and at UNCW, we are thankful for so many things.

We are thankful that we have continued to excel as a university. We improved in nine out of 10 of our progress measures; the other one is holding steady. We moved up in the *U.S.News & World Report* rankings as one of the South's top public master's universities. The quality of our student body also continues to improve – preliminary information indicates that for the first time in UNCW's history, the average SAT of our new freshmen puts us third in the UNC system, behind only UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State.

We are thankful for our donors who gave a record $9.7 million last fiscal year, including four gifts of at least $1 million each. In a *Star-News* article about our fundraising achievements, reporter Mark Schreiner brilliantly captured the impact of private giving: "Big donations strap booster rockets to the resources provided by state taxpayers."

We are thankful for our visionary founders and how their dream has flourished.

On Sept. 4, UNCW celebrated its 60th anniversary. With the help of Don Blake, student body president in 1946-47 when we were the Wilmington College Center of the University of North Carolina, we looked back at how far we have come. Dan Thorpe, 2007-08 SGA president, helped us envision our future. I invite each of you to view the celebration in its entirety at publicservicemedia.uncw.edu by clicking on the 60th anniversary celebration.

Having been blessed with so much, it is important that we also give back. UNCW students, faculty and staff have an extraordinary record of public service that takes a variety of forms. Last year, our students completed more than 35,000 hours of volunteer community service hours, with an economic impact value of $660,586. In September, our student chapter of Habitat for Humanity broke ground on the UNCW Habitat House. Our pre-vet students organized free rabies shot clinics. On a personal note, I am honored to chair the Cape Fear Area United Way 2007 campaign with a goal of raising $2.3 million.

Throughout this issue, you will learn about the many impressive things happening at UNC Wilmington. As always, I encourage your calls, letters and e-mails, and appreciate your continued support for this great university.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor

BACK TO SCHOOL

10,375 applications for fall 2007 admission

1,943 were accepted as freshmen

1157 average freshman SAT, the highest ever for UNCW and third highest in UNC system

3.74 average freshman GPA

11,911 students enrolled for fall 2007

1,200 graduate students largest number ever enrolled

60 new faculty members hired from 1,500 applicants

Photo by Jamie Mencrief

Daniels is newest trustee

The UNCW Board of Trustees welcomed its newest member in August. Windell Daniels of Wilmington was appointed by the UNC Board of Governors to a four-year term ending in 2011.

Daniels is the president of United National Tours and Daniels Development Company in Wilmington. He is co-chair of the City of Wilmington's Ten-Year Homeless Plan, chair of Housing Economics Opportunities Inc., immediate past president of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and member of the Wilmington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. He sponsors UNCW's annual Youth Entrepreneurship Program with the Cameron School of Business and the Upperman African American Cultural Center.

John A. "Sandy" McNeill Jr. of Whiteville was elected board chair, M. Terry Coffey of Wilmington was elected vice chair, and Wendy F. Murphy of Wallace was elected secretary.

New faculty members tour Sturgeon City in Jacksonville, N.C., during the second day of orientation as part of the 2007 Roads Scholars tour. The former waste water treatment plant complex now houses a fish farming demonstration site and educational center that serve the entire region.
Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Learning beyond the classroom

Khaled Hosseini's *Kite Runner* knit new Seahawks together before they entered the classroom this fall.

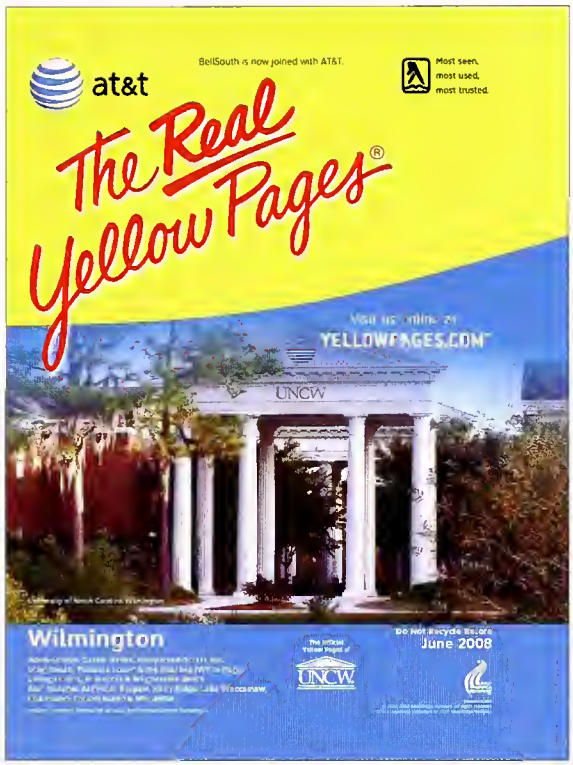
As the focus of Synergy, the UNCW Common Reading Experience, this best-selling novel is enabling students to experience life under the Taliban rule in Afghanistan. Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said, "Synergy supports the university's mission to foster intellectual curiosity, imagination, critical thinking and thoughtful expression."

Freshmen received a copy of the book during orientation and were expected to read it over the summer. It was integrated into Freshmen Seminar and various other courses. The university also hosted a cultural festival highlighting the music, food, dance and kite flying of Afghanistan; a showing of the Golden Globe-winning film *Osama*; a presentation by Azar Nafisi, acclaimed author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books*; and campus discussion groups and lectures.

Students line up to enjoy an array of Afghan treats during the multicultural Kite Runner festival in September.
Photo by Joy Davis

As part of the multicultural Kite Runner festival, senior James Yarley enjoys soaring to new heights.
Photo by Joy Davis

The university enjoys a strong partnership with AT&T. UNCW is featured on the cover of the new AT&T Real Yellow Pages, and the university hosted a reception for the new president of AT&T North Carolina, **Cynthia Marshall**, at Kenan House on July 26.
Photo by Jamie Moncrief



AT&T directory showcases UNCW

In the latest in a series of collaborations with AT&T, UNCW is featured on the cover of the 2007-08 Wilmington edition of the Real Yellow Pages.

The university also is spotlighted inside the directory's advertisements, event listings and community information pages.

"We are pleased to feature UNCW on the first AT&T Real Yellow Pages directory for the Wilmington area," said Anne Cline, AT&T Real Yellow Pages Wilmington sales manager.

"The directory covers have a little different look with the new name and logo, and you can still count on the AT&T Real Yellow Pages as your comprehensive source of community information," Cline said.

"In addition to the honor of being selected for the cover of the inaugural edition of the directory, this is also a great way to showcase the university to more than 188,000 residents and businesses in New Hanover County and areas of Brunswick, Columbus and Pender counties that receive the directory," said Cindy Lawson, assistant to the chancellor for marketing and communications. The feature photo shows the columned area between Morton and Leutze Halls framed by pines trailing Spanish moss.

The UNCW section of the directory provides emergency information to a wide audience, including off-campus students, parents of area students and the community at large. The page includes the emergency information hotline number, UNCW Police and Environmental Health & Safety contacts and Web sites for resources such as the university's hurricane plan.

The 2007-08 directory is one of many collaborations between the university and AT&T. This partnership is built on the strong connection between UNCW and AT&T, a generous supporter of academic, athletic and regional engagement programs across campus. AT&T's total contributions to UNCW exceed $350,000, primarily for student scholarships and the Watson School of Education's annual Razor Walker Awards, presented to individuals who have made a significant difference in the lives of children statewide.

American Signal Corporation workers install one of two sirens at UNC Wilmington.
Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Safety by the Numbers

One of UNCW's seven strategic goals is to **provide a safe campus for learning, living and working**. Each year, efforts to improve safety grow exponentially. Highlights include:

1 Public Information Emergency Response (PIER) System: This is an emergency information Web site (www.uncw-campus.info) on a separate server that is designed to function even if critical infrastructure on campus is destroyed. In certain emergency situations, it also may be utilized to communicate with UNCW constituents via tools such as e-mail, text messaging and more.

1 StormReady University: UNCW is the first and only university in the state to earn this National Weather Service designation. StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives during severe weather through better planning, education and awareness.

Step *by* Step: CREATING A PEDESTRIAN CAMPUS

Over the past two summers, concrete steps have been taken to develop UNCW's pedestrian campus.

According to the university's master plan, a pedestrian campus limits traffic and parking in the academic core and embraces alternative transportation by providing walkways, bike paths and mass transit.

"It's more than just using resources – land, parking spaces – wisely," said Sharon Boyd, associate vice chancellor for business services. "It is an opportunity to increase physical activity by improving biking and walking conditions. It's improving safety and health while reducing congestion and traffic."

"'Walking campuses' correlate to better health and better academic performance. If students walk regularly and significantly, they are healthier and perform better," said architect Mark Miller in "What Campus Factors Boost Academic Performance?" (*The Greenville Gazette*, May 2006).

As funds allow, an integrated system of sidewalks, bike and multi-use paths is being developed.

- The Racine and Randall Drives intersection features raised crosswalks for traffic calming and better visibility for pedestrians and motorists.
- Sidewalks added along Wagoner Drive create a path of concrete and brick walks from Kenan Hall to Trask Coliseum.
- A multi-use path, with sidewalk and dedicated bike path, connects residential areas with the academic buildings along Reynolds Drive.

2 sirens, located on Westside and Schwartz Halls, were installed as part of the Seahawk Warning Siren System. They will sound in emergencies such as a tornado threat or a criminal incident of extreme nature.

5 satellite phones were added for communicating in a disaster when other phone and/or radio systems may be overloaded or unusable.

18 campus streets were named or re-named and **65 buildings** were addressed for the Enhanced-911 system. E-911 gives first responders critical location information.

30 sworn police officers, 15 security guards and numerous support personnel comprise the UNCW Police department.

83 sidewalk lights were improved for better nighttime visibility.

89 emergency call boxes with direct access to UNCW Police are operational. More are under construction.

164 card readers were installed as part of the university's new secure door access system, which has the capability to instantly lock-down a building from a remote location.

183 security cameras were installed at Seahawk Landing and Seahawk Village apartments, and a comprehensive camera plan for all residence halls is being developed.

1,000 Take 5 candy bars were distributed at campus crosswalks to remind pedestrians, drivers and bicyclists to "Take 5 seconds to save a life."

2,500 ID holders, printed with emergency information, were distributed at the annual UNCW Involvement Carnival.

3,655 students, faculty and staff participated in safety workshops last year on topics ranging from active shooter protocols to self-defense, emergency preparedness and online security.

260,304 dollars were awarded to UNCW by the U.S. Department of Education for the Collaboration for Assault Response & Education (CARE) program.

888-657-5751 is the toll-free UNCW Emergency Information Hotline.

When you add it all up, these numbers are impressive. Yet they represent only a fraction of the university's efforts to create a safe campus that students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community can enjoy.

- A well-lit sidewalk between the Dobo Hall and University Apartments areas is under construction.
- Parking was added off-campus and in peripheral areas.

The City of Wilmington Cross-City Trail – from the Cameron Art Museum to Wrightsville Beach – will pass through the UNCW campus, making biking to campus more viable.

Another vital component of a pedestrian campus is a well-utilized mass transit system.

The Seahawk Shuttle continues to expand with routes bringing students to campus and moving students, faculty and staff around campus.

In fall 2006-07, 26.6 percent more people rode the shuttles than the prior year with a similar increase spring semester.

stories by Brenda Riegel

Visiting campus soon?

Metered spaces have been added near popular visitor destinations such as the Cultural Arts Building and Randall Library.

Visitors may insert coins into meters for up to two-hour visits or purchase an all-day parking pass at the visitor parking booth, located at the entrance to the free visitor parking lot near Alderman Hall. Guests are encouraged to begin their visit at the booth so they can be informed of their parking options by the helpful parking attendant.

Squeak visualizes STEM skills

About 75 teachers of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and 150 area middle and high school students will begin using "Squeak" programming language as part of an effort to infuse tri-county area school systems with a new teaching and learning program that promises to advance STEM skills.

The Squeak program was derived from the originators' experience at Apple Computer and later at Walt Disney Imagineering, where they developed a similar type of program. Squeak is both a full-featured, object-orientated programming language and an interactive environment that permits novice users to model and visualize mathematical and engineering concepts in fun, easy-to-manipulate, computerized digital images that mimic cartoon-like objects and figures.

UNCW undergraduate student Daniel Heywood developed a Squeak simulation that enables youths to virtually manipulate a canoe crossing a river. With Heywood's instrument, students can visualize the concepts of relative motion and the Pythagorean Theorem, before they tackle the equations.

Participating students and teachers will spread their knowledge and skill in programming exciting, fun STEM experiments and learning models to their peers, expanding the delivery of these quality, hands-on learning opportunities throughout their school systems.

"We wanted to pique students' interest in the STEM fields at a much earlier age. Children often have preconceived notions about math and science – they don't like them," said Shridar Narayan, chair of the Department of Computer Science and co-principal investigator of the grant.

research

Squeak grant participants: Dan Heywood; Sridhar Narayan; Shelby Morge, assistant professor of education; and Gene Tagliarini, associate professor of computer science; and graduate student Lucas Gillispie.

Global warming can impact coastal Carolina economy

Two side effects of global warming – increased sea level rise and more intense hurricanes – have the potential to significantly impact the economy along the North Carolina coast, according to a study conducted in part by Christopher Dumas, associate professor of economics at UNCW's Cameron School of Business.

Dumas teamed up with faculty from Appalachian State, East Carolina and Duke universities and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany to analyze data that indicate even a one-foot increase in sea level could move the shoreline along many N.C. beaches inland by as much as 100 feet. The study shows that such a dramatic change would adversely affect property values, tourism and business activity, among other sectors.

Dumas' work specifically focused on the economic impact hurricanes could have on the coast if their intensity increases. His projections, estimating losses for businesses, farms and forests, are eye-opening:

- Business interruption losses in just four counties (New Hanover, Carteret, Dare and Bertie) due to increased Category 3 hurricane severity are projected to rise by $34 million per storm event in 2030, and by $157 million in

Steven Emslie

Dale Cohen

Climate change and penguins

2050. With no increase in hurricane frequency, the projected cumulative losses from 2004 to 2080 due to increased Category 3 severity in these four counties amount to $1.44 billion when regional economic growth is considered.

- Increasing storm intensity is expected to have serious impacts on agriculture. A Category 1 hurricane now causes about $50 million in agricultural damage, a Category 2 about $200 million, and a Category 3 about $800 million, illustrating how significant an increase in hurricane intensity would be for this sector.
- Increased forest damage associated with an increase in storm severity from Category 2 to Category 3 is about 150 percent per storm event, or about $900 million more in damages.

Dumas hopes the study will lead to additional research "to make hurricane evacuation more efficient and effective. If we can improve evacuation measures, we could reduce business interruptions and reduce the economic impact of storm events that may occur as a result of climate change."

Remains of ancient Adélie penguin colonies show how climate change caused the Ross Ice Shelf in Antarctica to advance and retreat over tens of thousands of years. However, these same remains indicate that more than climate change has affected the penguins' diet.

According to UNCW marine ornithologist Steven D. Emslie one abrupt shift occurred only about 200 years ago. Isotopic analysis of penguin eggshell pieces deposited and preserved in the frigid, dry environment over the last 45,000 years show a historic shift in prey coincided with the removal of baleen whales and krill-eating seals at the height of the commercial whaling industry of the 19th century.

In the cover story of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* July 10, 2007, issue, Emslie, with researcher William Patterson of the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, posit that as humans vigorously hunted whales and seals, the penguins turned from fish to the newly abundant krill left behind.

Today, krill abundance and distribution are changing. Aggravated climate change in combination with fisheries that are harvesting large quantities of finfish and krill are already stressing the Adélie's resources, and options for prey are diminishing.

"We need to take action now to maintain our planet's biodiversity before it is too late. More sustainable management of our natural resources is key to this survival," Emslie said.

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All of these numbers symbolize the same amount; however, many people have considerable difficulty converting the different representations of quantity in small numbers.

"Numerical relationships are important because we use them all the time to determine the risk of disease, the probability of rain and in countless other ways," said psychology professor Dale Cohen. However, "try to put 1 in 5 in a decimal form. It is very difficult."

With a five-year $691,000 grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, part of the National Institutes of Health, Cohen is investigating how training and learning can affect an individual's "number sense" of small numbers.

By understanding how these quantities are processed, visualized or related in the mind, educational techniques can be developed to help individuals acquire a more accurate sense of numbers.

Mehrtrens

Allen

Mehrtens takes reins of athletics

After a whirlwind start, Kelly Landry Mehrtens is settling into her new role as director of athletics.

"I've spent many hours getting to know the area and the community. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated supporters who have given so much of their time and resources to building such a great university," she said. "Joining the UNCW family has been everything I thought it would be."

Mehrtens was hired in August after a national search that attracted 300 applicants. She left the University of Kansas, where she was associate director of athletics and senior women's administrator overseeing 15 men's and women's sports with operating budgets of more than $15 million. She developed KU's Student-Athlete Development/Leadership Program and worked with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to raise $1 million to help fund women's sports facilities.

As a student-athlete, Mehrtens had a successful collegiate career at the University of Alabama. She threw the discus on the women's track team, collected All-American honors in 1985 and made the World University Games and Pan American Teams in 1987. She finished fourth in the 1992 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Mehrtens earned a bachelor's degree in commerce and business administration from Alabama in 1986 and completed her master's degree in education from Illinois in 2001.

She serves on the prestigious NCAA Division I Management Council and the Big 12 Strategic Plan Review Committee and Championships and Awards Committee.

Members of the Fisher and Cavenaugh families were on hand as UNC Wilmington dedicated the new Herbert Fisher Fieldhouse.

Photo by Jamie Moncnef

Winningest coach on campus

Winning. Whether it's in the pool or in the classroom, it's something to which longtime UNCW swimming and diving coach Dave Allen has grown accustomed.

Allen, who begins his 31st season as UNCW's swimming guru, welcomes strong teams to the Seahawk Natatorium once again in 2007-08. His men's squad, which has racked up an unprecedented six consecutive Colonial Athletic Association championships, will be favored once again. The women also return several strong swimmers and should be contention for their fourth title in mid-February.

Since Allen originated the program in 1977-78, the Seahawks have won a combined nine CAA crowns. He has amassed a 349-241 dual meet record and been honored as CAA Coach of the Year nine times.

"The opportunity to build a program from scratch and see it grow to where it is today is most gratifying," Allen said. "The many wonderful student-athletes I have had an opportunity to work with and develop lifelong friendships with is something that you cannot begin to put a value on. I feel extremely fortunate and am very grateful to UNCW for giving me such an opportunity."

The veteran coach has produced some of the finest all-around student-athletes in the program's history, including 11 All-Americans and several Chancellor's Cup recipients. Four of Allen's pupils have been inducted into the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame.

There's no place like home

UNCW's baseball program has a new home.

Groundbreaking for the Herbert Fisher Field House took place in May, and the ribbon cutting was held Oct. 19.

Construction of the $1.2 million, 4,238-square-foot facility located across from Brooks Field was made possible by gifts from Herbert '53 and Sylvia Fisher '50, Dr. William P. Nixon Jr. and Bruce Cavenaugh '73.

The first floor of the new facility is anchored by a 600-square-foot locker area. The second level has a 350-square-foot team meeting room, offices for coaches, a study room with computer access and equipment area.

Men's basketball expects big turnaround

Following a topsy-turvy year when the margin for error was slim at best, UNCW men's basketball coach Benny Moss is optimistic the Seahawks will reclaim their perch atop the Colonial Athletic Association standings.

"We're expecting a big turnaround," said Moss. "We go into every year with similar goals. We want to win the regular season, win the tournament and go to post-season play. Those are our goals from day one. It's more realistic this year because we have a senior captain who is healthy, plus we've added some quality depth."

Without question, the return of 2006 CAA Tournament MVP T.J. Carter is huge for the Seahawks. After one year as "Coach Carter" on the bench, he's ready to take big-time shots and lead the squad.

"T.J. was able to see the game from a different perspective. Sometimes you learn by observing, watching and listening," Moss said.

However, the coach doesn't believe Carter is a "cure all" for all of last year's ailments.

Seven returning players, including fellow seniors Vladimir Kuljanin, Todd Hendley and Daniel Fountain, must shoulder their share of the load to get the Seahawks back in the thick of things. All three players made adjustments last year after Carter went down and that should benefit the club this season. Balance and depth should be the team's strengths, Moss noted.

"We have nine guys who are in their first or second year with the program. There's some inexperience there, but we're still better balanced overall," Moss said.

With the graduation of Tenni Soyebo, junior college playmaker Marlo Davis and Chad Tomko will split time as the team's point guard. Carter, Fountain, Montez Downey, Josh Sheets and Darion Jeralds give Moss several options at the wing position.

Size and bulk characterize the frontcourt, where Kuljanin and Hendley, who both played overseas last summer, will be joined by freshmen Jayson Aycock, Dominique Lacy and Rob Sikes. The five players give the Seahawks one of their biggest frontcourts in years.

With the long-awaited return of Carter and a full complement of players, Moss feels like he's hit the lottery. It's time, he believes, for the Seahawks to cash in.

"We now have the depth we need to survive the unexpected things," he said. "It's going to take a more balanced approach this year. We have to be more consistent at both ends of the floor.

"We have to hold teams to around 40 percent shooting from the floor and use multiple options, inside and outside, to be more consistent. I think we're moving in the right direction."

Like a full moon rising

UNCW's Cameron School of Business is emerging as one of the top business schools in the nation.* To a dynamic faculty committed to learning, Cameron adds engaged alumni and accomplished executives, passionate about business education, eager to mentor students in their areas of expertise.

Some moments never lose
their significance ...

Becky Parker (far right) is pictured with participants in the Leadership Development Program: Teresa Murphy, Leah Perry, advisor Steve Harper, Paul McComble, Marjorie McInerney and Brad Bruestle. Photo from 1984 Fledgling

A question is raised, the right word is received – at just the right time – and a new door opens.

by Kim Prouke / UCM

UNCW Cameron School of Business professor Stephen Harper remembers the day that former student Becky Parker O'Daniell came into his office with an idea.

"She told me, 'I am interested in accounting. I love computers. I want to start my own business, and I would like it to be in a food-related area.' At that time," he said, "she had no clue she would ever become president and principal shareholder of Atlantic Quest."

Although O'Daniell knew what she wanted to do, she was concerned about sacrificing her interest and talent in corporate accounting.

"I know," Harper said, "and many others will attest to this, very few people run the numbers better than Becky."

Harper, UNCW Progress Energy/ Betty Cameron Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship, addressed O'Daniell's doubts and encouraged her to follow her vision.

Today, she is able to gratify her entrepreneurial spirit and put her accounting and financial training to full use as president of Atlantic Quest Corporation, parent corporation to four of the area's signature dining establishments: Oceanic Restaurant, Eddie Romanellis, Henry's and Bluewater.

Beginning with the Oceanic Restaurant, O'Daniell's pursuit of excellence propelled her to learn whatever was necessary to better serve and improve the company. As president, her leadership style has been defined by her ability to provide process improvement and opportunities that have empowered others to advance – employees, partners and shareholders alike.

O'Daniell points to team building, a core value of Atlantic Quest, as the driving force behind the corporation's ability to meet and exceed its goals. Yet, it cannot be denied that, within that ethic, her ability to get things done, solve problems and expand the capabilities of the company distinguishes her.

Becky P. O'Daniell '86 entered UNCW with the intention of graduating from the young Cameron School of Business, established in 1979.

"It was so different in 1982," O'Daniell said. "When I entered as a freshman, in the 'old days', there was no Cameron Hall; classes were in Bear Hall; that was it. The library, or quarter of a library, was so small compared to what we have now. The only thing that hasn't changed is that there was no parking then, either!"

"I remember this like I was still there. Walking by a bulletin board in Bear Hall was a notice to freshmen, inviting us to join the Leadership Development Program and participate in a luncheon series: Learn How to Be a Leader. Back then, I was an introvert and, well, actually I still am, but I thought to myself 'I need this'. There were six luncheons, one every week, for five to 10 students."

"The idea was Dr. Harper's," she said. "The professors at Cameron took an interest in me, gave me opportunities to test myself. I was encouraged to study and travel abroad; we took a trip to Europe. That was a turning point for me."

The independence and self-actualization claimed from her studies, travel and collaborative opportunities would eventually bring her back to live and work in the place she will always love and call home, southeastern North Carolina.

"This I learned from (Dean) Larry Clark, love what you do and do what you love," she said. "If you don't enjoy something, do something else. When I graduated, I left Wilmington for Dallas, Texas, where I was offered a position on an elite team of young professionals at EDS, Electronic Data Systems. But, it was not long before I realized it was too corporate for me.

"I returned to Wilmington, where I wanted to be. Then, it took me four jobs before I found what I wanted to do. I know that kids are afraid to do that now, to search out and follow their own path, but they shouldn't be. Don't be afraid to change; to keep looking for what is right for you," she said.

At Cameron, theory is tested with practice.

"What distinguishes that school," O'Daniell said, "is that you are always using what you learn – applying and learning basic day-to-day things. Always, the real world is present in the classroom. You learn not only from professors who love the school and want you to succeed but also from those who are out there doing."

"This is the reason I return to speak at Business Week and other events and stay involved," she said. "I want to give back the experience that I got – helping students relate lessons learned in class to what's going on. Look at the impact Cameron has had on the region, the difference we've made," she said.

Fellow alumnus and Wilmingtonian Jay Taylor '78 serves with O'Daniell on the CSB Executive Advisory Board and the Entrepreneurship Advisory Board.

"Becky has had a positive impact on so many students," Taylor said. "She loves the business school, is enthusiastic about CSB and is truly grateful for the education she received. I can not say enough good things about Becky and feel very lucky to count her as a good friend."

To foster an enabling environment for private sector-led growth in the region, Cameron School of Business has developed a new Entrepreneurship and Business Development Program under the direction of Harper and other Cameron faculty.

The program prepares students for a number of career settings: starting or helping to start businesses; growing emerging businesses as a management team member, advisor, banker, investor or member of a family-owned business; and corporate entrepreneurship – launching or developing new products and services – or as Harper explains, "helping established organizations become entrepreneurial."

At the end of the spring semester, O'Daniell, Taylor and two other entrepreneurs served as judges for the program's first annual Business Plan Competition. Student business plans are part of a year-long final project that tests students' ability to identify a growth opportunity and capitalize on it.

The entrepreneurs received a booklet of the students' plans two weeks ahead of the final presentations. O'Daniell took a red-eye from Las Vegas to get back in time.

"The students were so excited to have the chance to receive real-live feedback on their plans from us, who have learned the right way, as well as the wrong way, to do things," she said.

In 2004, as part of its 25th anniversary celebration, the Cameron School of Business recognized five outstanding alumni for their contributions to the school, their businesses and the community-at-large. Dean Clark noted that each of the recipients was not only a great individual but also a great achiever.

As O'Daniell approached the lectern to receive her Outstanding Alumna Award, she looked out at the audience. There, in the front row, she saw many of the professors who had taught her.

As an architect of structures built to last – not legacies – at that moment, O'Daniell's thoughts went characteristically beyond herself.

"I thought," she said, "There they are; still there, still turning out great students from Cameron."

** UNCW's Cameron School of Business made the 2008 Princeton Review list of "Best 290 Business Schools." The listing highlights the "real world" focus of the Master of Business Administration degree program.*

Fostering a love for learning

Stories by Bethany K. Nuckolls '08 and Marybeth Bianchi

Multi-talented, self-possessed students who love learning. This is how Bill Atwill describes UNCW Honors Scholars Program participants.

"I'm not sure when they sleep," said Atwill, the program's associate director.

Eight of the 125 freshman enrolled this year are varsity athletes. Others are musicians, performers, world travelers and community volunteers. Classroom instruction is only one facet of their education.

"There are expectations that they volunteer, attend cultural events, become full participants in the community," Atwill said.

Now in its 13th year at UNCW, the Honors Program has provided 1,000 students with individualized, experiential learning opportunities that expose them to research and scholarship not commonly seen at the undergraduate level. Study abroad and service learning are also major components of the program.

Kate Bruce, program director, takes UNCW's number one strategic goal – providing students with a superior education – to heart. She encourages honors students to excel academically, as evidenced by their high grade point averages and their final research projects.

"It waves a flag for UNCW and shows that the Honors Program supports that goal," Bruce pointed out. "Honors encourages one type of enriched learning recognized by the university."

One type of learning may be a bit of an understatement.

Honors classes offer a wide-range of study from focused discussion-based seminars to interdisciplinary studies that are often cross-departmental. It culminates with a capstone project, which involves independent work, close interaction with a faculty sponsor and often publication and presentations at professional conferences.

"Honors allows UNCW faculty to experiment with innovative pedagogy that they can then use in other classes," Bruce said. She has taught such innovative courses herself, including an animal behavior class, titled Exploring Evolution, which incorporated a field trip to the Galapagos Islands.

The Honors Scholars Program is actively involved in recruiting new students for UNCW. For prospective and incoming freshmen, honors students lead informational sessions and tours.

Only 125 high ability students are accepted into the program each year. A majority will graduate with University Honors as well as Departmental Honors and go on to pursue advanced degrees, Atwill noted.

Featured in the most recent edition of *Peterson's Guide to Honors Programs and Colleges*, UNCW's Honors Scholars Program is dedicated to organizing service projects, sponsoring public lectures and placing honors students "in a variety of offices and departments on campus via work assist and work study."

As current president of the National Collegiate Honors Council, treasurer of the North Carolina Honors Association, past president of the Southern Regional Honors Council and director of the UNCW Center for the Support of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Bruce has not slowed her quest to advance UNCW's Honors Scholars Program.

She said that the program is studying whether to pursue a transition from Honors Program to Honors College to emphasize international honors experiences for students and early participation in research and scholarship.

CONFIDENCE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE

Amid the poverty, stench and oppressive heat of Haiti, **Jennifer Nomides '03** spent the summer of 2006 conducting research on local medical facilities and health programs.

She worked with Family Health Ministries, a non-profit organization based in Durham that partners with the Association of the Peasants of Fondwa (APF) which was instrumental in the establishment of a health clinic, community store and schools.

However, there is still much more work to be done, said Nomides, who is in her third year at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill.

"There was no doctor in the clinic, only a Haitian 'nurse practitioner' whose training has been minimal," she said. Nomides credits her honors experience at UNCW for playing a role in preparing her for this experience in Haiti.

"It was the honors thesis that was the most helpful part of the program. Doing that thesis really aided me in learning how to actively learn, take the initiative and have the confidence to creatively design projects on my own, which is what I've been doing in Haiti."

"Back in the U.S., I am continuing to do what I can. I have the opportunity to work with the chief reproductive endocrinologist at Duke to do cervical cancer research in Haiti as part of my MPH (Master of Public Health) degree in the upcoming couple of years. I cannot put into words how excited I am about this research. Yet, I look forward to the time when I can return to Haiti for good."

NOT JUST A NUMBER

Martyn Knowles '03 knew he wanted a career in medicine since he was 13, when he shadowed a cousin doing a hospital internship in his native South Africa.

"I saw birth, death and everything in between. I knew at that moment there was nothing else I could see myself doing. Every day in medical school and now in internship, I fall more and more in love with it," he said. As part of his residency at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, he participates in endocrine, trauma and pediatric surgeries.

The ambitious high school student was drawn to UNCW because he wanted a close relationship with faculty and individualized attention. "I did not want to go to a program where I was a number, one of 200 in a lecture hall," he said.

"The Honors Program taught me to think outside of the box. There is more to college than As and Bs. It's the lessons you learn that you carry with you the rest of your life. The Honor's Program provided a resource to pool creativity and gather together people interested in learning," he said.

By the end of his sophomore year, Knowles had been accepted to Wake Forest University School of Medicine, with the stipulation he complete his undergraduate degree a year early. He did that while managing to win multiple Chancellor's Achievement Awards and graduating summa cum laude.

Wadson, far left, was one of Jennifer Nomides' first patients at the Fondwa clinic in Haiti. Also pictured is Widline, another child whose life was saved at the clinic.

Martyn Knowles '03 has visited Costa Rica and Nicaragua on medical missions providing health care in areas lacking adequate resources.

Recognized this past year by several publications as a top public undergraduate institution, the university continues its pursuit to soar to even greater heights.

"The UNCW of today is a fantastic university," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo in her state of the university address in October. "The momentum that propels us to soar higher derives from our students' achievements, faculty and staff accomplishments and strong support from alumni, friends, trustees, volunteer board members and other donors."

Seven strategic goals established a foundation for progress in 2003, each with measurable targets to indicate movement toward achieving the goal. Improvement has been shown in the each of 10 major progress measures:

- **Student-faculty ratio** – improved from 18.2 to 1 in 2004 to 17.7 to 1 in 2006
- **Student-staff ratio** – improved from 10.9 to 1 in 2003 to 9.9 to 1 in 2006
- **Minority students** as a percentage of total enrolled – improved from 8.1 percent to 10.2 percent for 2006
- **Freshman retention and graduation rates** – freshman retention rate declined from 85.7 percent in 2004 to 83 percent in 2006, but the six-year graduation rate increased from 61 percent to 65 percent
- **Percentage of undergraduates housed on campus** – increased from 23.1 in 2004 to 32 percent in 2007
- **Average faculty salary** – increased to $65,408 for fall 2006
- **Research and development expenditures** – increased from $13 million in 2004 to $18.6 million for 2006-07
- **International enrollment and study abroad participation** – both showed an increase with 91 enrolled and exchange students in fall 2006 and 12.3 percent of students in 2005-06 studying abroad
- **University endowment** – increased to $50.8 million in 2007
- **Alumni giving** – increased to 13.1 percent for 2006

"As UNC Wilmington soars to even greater heights in the future, we pledge to strengthen our commitment to providing undergraduates with an intimate learning environment that integrates teaching, research and service," said Chancellor DePaolo. "We will challenge our graduate students, both at the master's and doctoral levels, to engage in high quality scholarship in a culture that fosters innovation and meets the needs of our region.

"We will provide a secure and attractive campus, encourage intellectual and cultural diversity, promote regional engagement and value individual growth and development. In these ways UNCW will continue to prepare its graduates for a lifetime of learning, achievement and service for the betterment of self and community."

Wilmington College's first student body president Don Blake listens as current SGA president Dan Thorpe greets UNC Wilmington alumni, faculty, staff and students gathered outside the Fisher Student Center for the 60th anniversary celebration of UNCW.

and soaring

From its establishment as Wilmington College in 1947 with 238 students to its record-setting enrollment of nearly 12,000 in 2007, the University of North Carolina Wilmington has transformed the lives of more than 44,000 students over the past 60 years and has had major impact on the community it serves.

This year's freshman class has the highest average SAT score in the university's history, making it the third highest in the UNC system behind UNC Chapel Hill and NC State University.

UNCW's faculty, staff and students have a half-billion dollar economic impact on the Cape Fear region.

In the 2008 edition of "America's Best Colleges" published by *U.S.News & World Report*, UNCW was ranked the sixth best public regional university in the South. Among the 119 public and private universities in the South that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs, UNCW improved its overall ranking to 14th.

For the fourth consecutive year, UNCW received the "Best in the Southeast" and "Best Value" designations by *The Princeton Review*.

UNCW is one of only four North Carolina public universities included in *Peterson's Competitive Colleges 2008: Top Colleges for Top Students*.

In 2007-08 UNCW students completed more than 35,000 hours of volunteer community service hours with an economic impact value of $660,586.

Donors: The wind beneath our wings

By Andrea Weaver

For the first time in its 60-year history, the University of North Carolina Wilmington received five donations of at least $1 million each within one year.

From July 2006 through June 2007, the university's overall fundraising totaled approximately $9.7 million, including four gifts of at least $1 million. In August 2007, the university received another million-dollar donation.

"The donors of these impressive gifts were not thinking about making history at UNCW with contributions. Instead, they simply wanted to make a real difference in the lives of our students and in the future of our region and the state of North Carolina," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said.

Student Excellence

Youth Entrepreneurship Program inspires young donor

Personal experience as a young entrepreneur inspired Euran Daniels to become involved with the Cameron School of Business Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), which helps students ages 12-16 learn to start and manage a business in a fun environment.

Daniels founded Reflections Video at age 10: "I started out small, very small. I had one camera, one stand and one light. I did weddings, fashion shows and birthday parties."

His business grew and, at age 15, he was featured on Black Entertainment TV as one of the top 10 teens in the nation. He is now president of Daniels Production Company, LLC.

Following his experience with YEP, he established the Euran S. Daniels Scholarship to assist incoming freshmen who are interested in pursuing a degree in business. A merit scholarship, applicants must meet a minimum 3.6 high school G.P.A. to be considered. Daniels

Left, program supporter Euran Daniels speaks to students as they present their business plans at the Cameron School of Business Youth Entrepreneurship Program.
Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Right, Mike Waddell, professor in the Department of Music, stands for a solo during the Cape Fear Jazz Orchestra benefit concert for the Department of Music.
Photo by Laura Johnston

hopes that some of the YEP participants will apply for the scholarship and attend UNCW.

"This scholarship supports diversity and academic merit, two areas in which I strongly believe," he said. "These two initiatives have been key components of my success, and they are key initiatives for the university."

Scholarship supports international experience

Edward Doran and son Guy established the Stella Doran International Studies Scholarship, the first individually funded, endowed scholarship given to the Office of International Programs to offset students' study abroad costs.

The late Stella Doran was "a woman of the world," her husband said. "She believed that you have to go to a country to really experience it."

The scholarship is open to juniors and seniors with at least a 3.0 grade point average in any major. Junior Amanda Case of Candler, N.C., is the first recipient. She is enrolled at the University of Sterling in Scotland for the fall semester.

Overall Excellence

Life insurance gift to benefit UNCW

Marvin Robison '83 and his wife Margaret, who worked at the university for 14 years, donated a gift that will eventually provide UNCW with $100,000.

They made UNCW the beneficiary of a second-to-die life insurance policy. They are gifting the premium to the UNCW Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports the university. They receive a tax deduction for the premium and, in the future, the policy's proceeds will not be counted as part of their estate for tax purposes.

"The university gave me an education and an opportunity to prepare myself for a life that has been successful and fulfilling. But even if I were not an alumnus of UNCW, I would recognize its importance to our community," said Robison, past chair of the UNCW Alumni Association, former president of the Seahawk Club Board of Directors and a former Foundation Board member.

Excellence in Regional Engagement and Outreach

Gift supports learning for a lifetime

The Osher Foundation gave $1 million to UNCW to endow the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), which provides non-credit university courses, seminars, lectures, travel excursions and other educational opportunities to adult learners. UNCW is the only public university in the state with an OLLI.

The foundation also provided a $50,000 grant to fund the institute's programs until the endowment's investments generate income. The foundation previously contributed $100,000 both in 2005 and in 2006 to establish the OLLI.

To learn more about programs offered by the Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies, visit www.uncw.edu/dpscs.

Gift to enhance economic services

Progress Energy and the Cameron School of Business have teamed up to enhance research conducted by the Center for Business and Economic Services (CBES). Progress Energy is the first lead partner for the CBES, providing $35,000 in support for the center's programs and services. The CBES compiles and analyzes regional economic data. The center also hosts the annual UNCW Economic Outlook Conference and issues quarterly updates about the local economy.

Computer day camp for at-risk youth

GE Hitachi (GEH) Nuclear Energy awarded $50,000 to the Cameron School of Business for a computer day camp that helps area eighth and ninth graders develop technical skills essential for their success in high school, college and beyond.

Faculty Excellence

Jazz professorship named for Kenan

UNCW's Department of Music has its first $1 million professorship.

Tom Kenan

A $667,000 grant from the C.D. Spangler Foundation of Charlotte, matched with $333,000 from the State of North Carolina's Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund, established the Thomas S. Kenan III Distinguished Professor of Jazz.

It will be used to recruit an acclaimed jazz performer and teacher specializing on a jazz rhythm section instrument, such as piano, bass or drums. Over the past 15 years, the jazz program has received accolades on national and international levels for the high performance quality of its ensembles, as well as the quality and talent of individual students.

The naming honors Tom Kenan and his family's connections to, and longtime support of, UNCW.

Wise Alumni House

RENOVATED FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Wise Alumni House is wearing its age well thanks to extensive renovations completed in October.

With fresh coats of paint throughout the first floor, refinished hardwood floors, a repaired stained glass window, a new slate roof and revised décor, the historic home is ready to shine for the next 100 years.

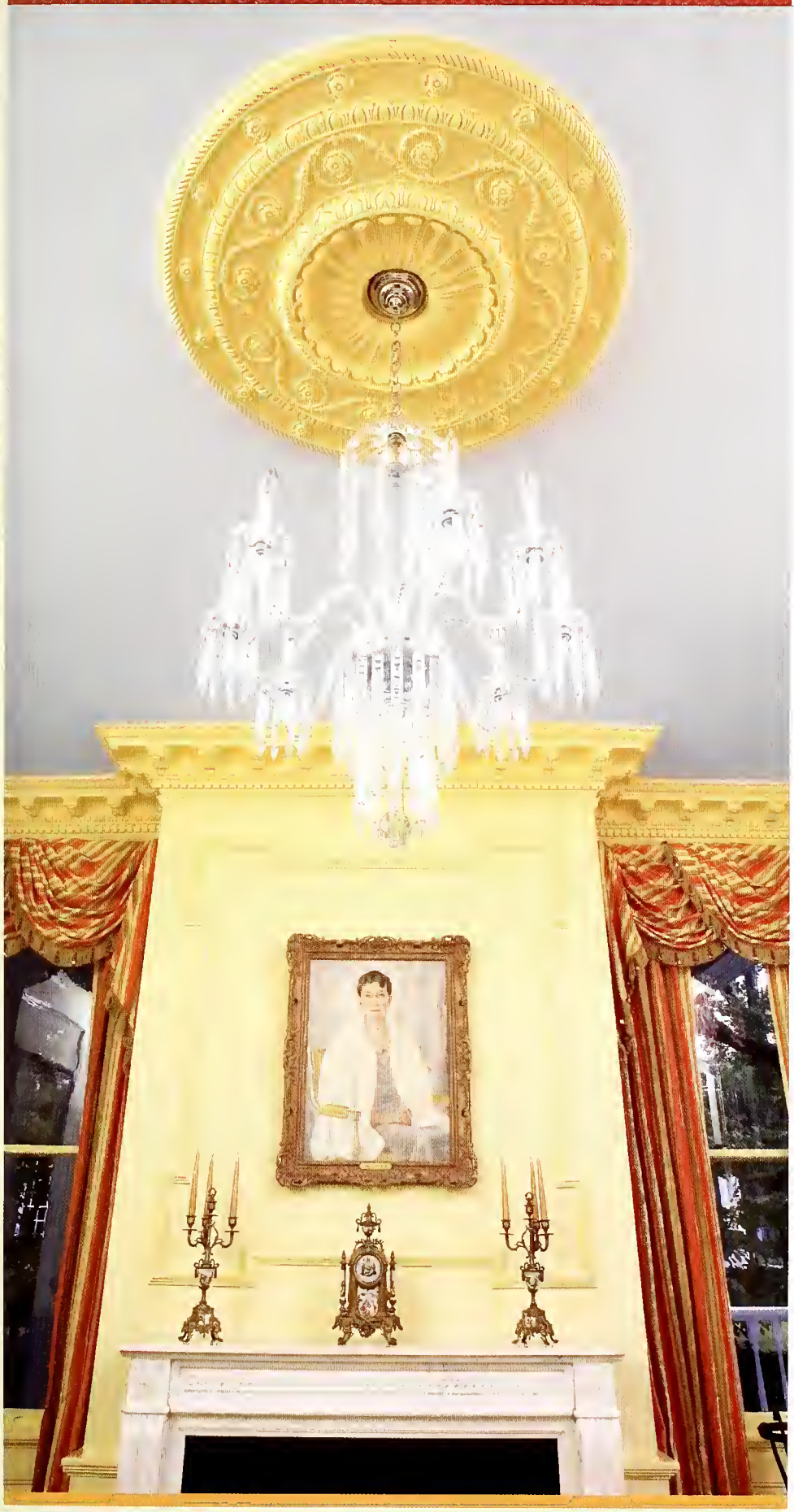
Constructed in 1908-09, Wise House exemplifies neoclassical revival style. The family of Jessie Kenan Wise donated the house to the university in 1968, and it has served as the UNCW Alumni Association headquarters since 1994, a year after the organization committed $400,000 to preserve and update the house.

Plans to celebrate the house's centennial are being developed. Learn more about the house's history and architecture online at www.uncw.edu/alumni/wisealumnihouse.htm.

The William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust provided $197,500 for the interior renovations. In addition, members of the Kenan family donated furniture and provided an interior decorator's services to the university.

UNCW invested $250,000 to replace the slate roof and the support structures under it. In addition, Wilmington resident Janice Kingoff '77 provided a gift in memory of her husband Bill to fund the repair of the stained glass window that illuminates the foyer and staircase.

To take a virtual tour of the renovated Wise Alumni House, visit www.uncw.edu/wisehousetour.



Robert McInturf
is UNCW's new director of alumni relations.

He will be responsible for the management of the alumni office and will coordinate educational, service and social activities for the UNCW Alumni Association, which has about 44,000 members.

Before accepting the position at UNCW, McInturf was the director of alumni affairs at the University of West Alabama where he devised and implemented an integrated marketing and communication plan for the university's National Alumni Association that increased membership by more than 400 percent and doubled the number of active alumni chapters.

His previous experience includes serving as interim director of marketing and communication and assistant to the president at West Alabama. McInturf holds a master's degree in advertising and public relations from the University of Alabama and a bachelor's degree in history from West Alabama.

"I look forward to working with UNCW's dedicated alumni to enhance the programs and services that connect them to the university, and to create new traditions for celebrating their alma mater and its continued success," McInturf said.

Wise Alumni House music room features a portrait of Jessie Kenan Wise that is on loan from the Kenan family.
Photo by Laura Johnston

Meredith and Ray Morgan '82 are greeted by Sammy C. Hawk at the UNCW Alumni Association's Legacy Luncheon in August. The association annually recognizes freshmen whose parents or grandparents are UNCW alumni.
Photo by Jamie Moncrief

S.T.A.R.T.

The Seahawk Territory Alumni Recruitment Team (S.T.A.R.T.) is a partnership between the UNCW Office of Admissions and the UNCW Alumni Association that gives alumni volunteers an opportunity to assist with student recruitment efforts in their area. Alumni are able to share their own undergraduate or graduate experiences while meeting prospective students and their families and helping their alma mater. More information is available online at **www.uncw.edu/alumni/START.htm**.

Celebrate the Seahawks

The UNCW Alumni Association invites alumni and friends to Tealgate – Seahawk style – with food, games and spirit-filled fun.

Tealgates start two hours before the tip-off of men's basketball games on Jan. 26, Feb. 9 and March 1 at Trask Coliseum. Advance tickets are $12 for adults and $5 for children 6-12; children under 6 are admitted at no cost. Admission includes food and beverages, but not game ticket.

Tickets can be purchased online at **www.uncwalumnitickets.com**.

Get on board

The UNCW Alumni Association is seeking alumni to help its board of directors and its six committees. Volunteers are needed for the following areas:

- Student affairs and young alumni
- Recruitment and retention
- Finance
- Special events
- Chapter development and promotion
- Awards and scholarships

The association's mission statement and strategic plan can be viewed at **www.uncw.edu/alumni**. For more information, send an e-mail to alumni@uncw.edu or call 910.962.2682 or 800.596.2880.

AAGA

If you would like to volunteer with the African American Graduate Association, please contact Enoch Hasberry '98 at ehasberry@yahoo.com.

Cameron School of Business

Members of the CSB Alumni Chapter had their first meeting of the academic year Oct. 20 at Wise Alumni House. They discussed the strategic planning process, events for the spring semester and nominations for CSB Alumni of the Year. Chapter members attended the CSB Economic Outlook Conference on Oct. 9. Business Week will be Feb. 25-29 and will include the CSB alumni mixer.

Cape Fear

A field of 118 golfers participated in the 14th Annual Cape Fear Golf Classic in April. UNCW golfers raised more than $5,500 which was donated to the Gerald Shinn Scholarship. Hoping to build on this success, the golf committee invites alumni and friends interested in serving on the 15th Annual Cape Fear Golf Classic Golf Committee to e-mail co-chairs J.D. Terry '99 at jterry@firsthorizon.com or Jason Brett '99 at jbrett@firsthorizon.com. On Sept. 29 chapter members attended the "Downtown Shakedown" to promote the alumni association. For more information on the Cape Fear Alumni Chapter, contact Kristen "Doc" Dunn '99 at Kristen@crrhomes.com.

Communication Studies

Forty alumni attended the Communication Studies Chapter social on Sept. 7 at the Music for Mayfair summer concert which featured the Schoolboys, whose members include communication studies faculty. Communication Studies Day 2008 will be held Friday, March 28. To volunteer with the Communication Studies Chapter or to sign up for Communication Studies Day, please contact Steve Nelson '06 at smnelson4511@yahoo.com.

Crew Club

Crew Club alumni and students will gather March 15 for their annual reunion culminating with a dinner at Wise Alumni House. Please contact Jennifer Triplett '97 at jltriplett@gmail.com or Curt Browder '92 at browderwilliam@yahoo.com if you would like to be a part of this annual event.

Maryland

A group of dedicated alumni gathered in June at Porters Pub & Grille in historic Federal Hill. Members discussed the upcoming social gatherings as well as the 2008 schedule. Please contact Jeff Lee '02 at Jeff@leefinancialassociates.com if you would like to join the fun in the Baltimore area.

School of Nursing

All School of Nursing alumni are invited to attend a luncheon at noon Saturday, Feb. 9 in the Fisher Student Center Clocktower Lounge. Dean Virginia Adams will share news about the groundbreaking celebration for the new School of Nursing building. If you would like to volunteer for the School of Nursing Alumni Chapter, please contact Nikki Pitts '98 at nikkimpitts@yahoo.com.

Richmond

Alumni and friends should mark their calendars now for the CAA Men's Basketball Tournament March 7-10. The alumni association will partner with the Seahawk Club for the annual Seahawk Club "Tent Party" at the Richmond Embassy Suites. For more information or to make a reservation for the party, contact the association at alumni@uncw.edu.

Wilmington College

Seventy-five Wilmington College alumni met in June for a luncheon and trolley tour of campus. Tyrone Rowell, assistant to the chancellor, and student ambassadors led the tour, highlighting all of the new buildings and improvements on campus. Chancellor DePaolo greeted them at lunch, expressing her gratitude for their continued support of the university. Wilmington College alumni meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Jackson's Big Oak Barbeque. For more information, contact Jim Medlin '52 at 910.791.5259.

Seahawks on the road

A growing number of alumni in North Carolina are taking their Seahawk pride on the road and supporting student scholarships.

Seahawk license plates are $25 and can be personalized for $45. For each plate, $15 of the application fee supports the alumni association's scholarship program, which awards 15 scholarships of $1,500 or more to undergraduate and graduate students.

Alumni who live in Maryland and Virginia are also interested in starting customized UNCW license plate programs. More information can be obtained by sending an e-mail to alumni@uncw.edu.

For Maryland residents, a one-time $50 tag fee would be charged in addition to the regular motor vehicle fee; $25 would be returned to the UNCW Alumni Association to support undergraduate and graduate scholarships. More information can be obtained by contacting chapter president Jeff Lee '02 at jeff@LeeFinancialAssociates.com.

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1960s

Libby Robertson Brown '66 is the author of *Making Waves*, a non-fiction account of her life as a successful serial entrepreneur. Libby is a co-founder of This End Up Furniture Company and owner of Fowl Cay in the Bahamas. Her book's Web site is makingwaves book.com.

Elaine Blackmon Henson '67 is the author of *Carolina Beach*, part of Arcadia Publishing Company's Postcard History Series. Elaine and her husband, Charles '76, reside in Wilmington. Charles is the owner of Charles Henson Painting.

1970s

Rev. Richard H. Powell Jr. '72 was called as senior pastor/head of staff to Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in Helotes, Texas.

N.C. District Court Judge **Rebecca W. Blackmore '75** was appointed to family court for District 5.

Pamela Gravino Jones '75 was promoted to senior vice president of mortgage operations with East Carolina Bank in Wilmington.

Billy Peterson '77 was named general manager of the Renaissance Club at Archerfield, a private club neighboring Muirfield in Scotland. The club is set to open in April 2008.

A teacher and curriculum support specialist at Shallotte Middle School and Watson School of Education faculty member, **Debbie Bowman Lemon '78** is enrolled in the doctoral program in educational leadership at UNCW. Her husband **Ed '66** and son **Trey '01** work with Herff-Jones. Daughter **Yarbi Lemon Petty '99** and her husband Doug had a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, on Feb. 28, 2007. Daughter **Chrissy Hewett Flanigan '02** and her husband **Capt. Brian Flanigan '01** live in Navarre, Fla., where Chrissy earned a master's degree in accounting, and Brian serves with the U.S. Air Force.

Rev. Daniel Sonnenberg '78 is pastor of worship and community at Myrtle Grove Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Fla. His wife **Elizabeth Stokley Sonnenberg '80** is in sales with Coastal Marketing.

1980s

Linda Baddour '80, '96M was appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer of PRA International.

Velva Jenkins '80 was appointed dean of continuing education and workforce development at Brunswick Community College.

Tom Swatzel '80, chairman of the Georgetown County, S.C., Republican Party and a former Georgetown County councilman, was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to South Carolina's seat on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. He is the president of Capt. Dick's Marine.

Guy Pushee '81 was featured in the Aug. 12, 2007, "It's a Living" photo published in the Wilmington *Star-News*. Pushee is a jewelry designer and the owner of Tavernay's Jewelers.

Scott Absher '82 is the principal of North Moore High School.

Kimberly Norman Mallin '83, the physician-owner of Flowertown Family Physicians in Summerville, S.C., had several articles published in *Sasee*, *Daniel Island News*, *Running Times* and *AA Grapevine*. She is a winner of the Medical Economics Doctors Writing Contest and Best of Issue-Nonfiction in the S.C. Writers Workshop Anthology, *Catfish Stew 2006*.

Beth Wheat Baldiga '86 earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Excelsior College and her national certification in school nursing.

Steven R. Neher '87 is a criminal investigator/special agent for the Department of the Navy in Brunswick, Ga. He spent five months in Iraq supporting the U.S. Marine Corps.

Robert "Tre" Walton '87 was appointed director of academics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Ramstein, Germany. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in transportation and logistics.

Jonathan R. Babson '88 is senior national sales manager with R.H. Donnelly Inc. in Cary.

Mark W. Maultsby '89 works with alternative programs with Wake County Public Schools and is pursuing a Master of School Administration in Educational Leadership.

1990s

Margaret Eaddy Taylor '90, '03M was named 2007-08 Teacher of the Year for North Duplin Elementary School.

G. Erickson Wheelis '91 of New Bern is a small animal veterinarian who released a CD titled *Follow*. His compositions can be heard on iTunes, Napster and Rhapsody. His Web site is www.ericwheelis.com.

Kelly Andrews '92 is the principal at Lee Woodard Elementary in Black Creek, N.C.

J. Michael Boa '92, director of communications and marketing for the Casualty Actuarial Society, earned the Certified Association Executive credential.

The author of *A Major League Guide to Amateur Baseball*, **Trent R. Mongero '92** was hired by Sterling Publishing to expand the 250-page manual into three multi-media teaching books with instructional DVDs. The manual will be released nationally in January 2009. This fall, Mangero filmed portions of the project at Brooks Field. He is a teacher and head baseball coach at North Hall High School in Gainesville, Ga. His wife **Sonya Mabry Mongero '95** is a middle grades teacher with Hall County Schools.

Al Pollard '92 of Plano, Texas, is a field recruiter for JC Penney.

Scott Kennedy '93, a courier for Carilion Labs in Indian Trail, N.C., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology at UNC Charlotte.

Mike Shaw '93 is the boys' basketball head coach at Sanderson High School in Wake County.

Andrea Bates '94 is a partner with Woodcock Washburn LPP in Atlanta where she works as a transactional attorney.

Samuel Bobbitt '94 teaches and coaches the cross country and track teams at Laney High School in Wilmington.

Shelley Preslar '94 was appointed director of operations for the Southeast region for Invensys Validation Technologies at Research Triangle Park.

Henry Rice '94 was named 2006-07 Principal of the Year. He is the principal of Pamlico County Middle School.

Richard Whitlow '95 of Zebulon was promoted to an investigator with the Wake County Sheriff's Office. **Susan Rivinius Whitlow '95** enjoys home schooling the couple's two children, Matthew, 11 and Julia, 9.

Tina Tighe '95 of Niskayuna, N.Y., was promoted to vice president of the Ayco Division of Goldman Sachs. She earned a juris doctorate from Albany Law School and was admitted to the New York Bar Association.

Melissa K. Batchelor '96, '00M, a lecturer in the UNCW School of Nursing, is enrolled in the nursing doctoral program at UNC Chapel Hill.

Gloria Sellers Foss '97 was named 2007 Teacher of the Year at Supply Elementary School where she teaches third grade.

Rhonda Gregware '96 earned a master's degree in elementary education from UNCW in 2007. She is a teacher with Onslow County Schools.

Matt Jacobs '97 is the boys' basketball head coach at East Davidson High School.

Brian Jackson '97 is the head coach of the men's tennis program at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. He also is an assistant professor in the exercise science department and a member of the Oregon and American Alliances for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and the Association of the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology. He and his wife **Laura Jackson '98** live in Forest Grove.

Gina Morris Stinson '97, '01M earned a Master of Business Administration degree from East Carolina University in May 2007. She is a psychologist with Norwich Therapy Associates.

Jennifer Woodhead '97M was promoted to dean of arts and sciences at Brunswick Community College in August 2007.

Amanda Hiatt McAnally '98 is the director of public information with the Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta.

Rolie "Andi" Webb '98 is a Title I remediation teacher for grades 3-5 in Fayetteville.

Elizabeth Futrell '99 completed coursework for a master's degree in English education from the School for International Training in Vermont. She is writing her thesis and teaching English as a second language with Durham Public Schools.

Jason Loftus '99 is a casting director with Heery Casting in Philadelphia. His credits include *National Treasure*, *Invincible*, *Rocky Balboa*, *Shooter*, *The Woodsman*, *Shadowboxer*, *Cold Case*, *Hack*, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* and *What Goes On*.

Jimmy Tate '99, '01M was appointed to the Pender County Board of Commissioners in April 2007. He is the assistant to the president at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville.

David C. Unsicker '99 was appointed vice chairman of the board of The First Tee of Wilmington, a program which uses the game of golf to promote character development. David is the general manager and director of golf at Echo Farms Golf and Country Club. **Claudia Royal Unsicker '91** is a purchasing agent with Southport Boatworks.

2000s

Victor Ebong '00 is an assistant coach at Wright State University.

Ursula D. Martinez '01 works for the Peace Corps with youth development in Honduras. She has a Master of Arts degree in reading education from East Carolina University.

Erin K. Magee '01 was promoted in June 2007 to associate environmental engineer with Northrop Grumman in Newport News, Va.

Brooke E. Abraham '02M is a senior accountant with Trinity Accounting Group in Athens, Ga. She is a member of the N.C. Association of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute of Management Accountants.

Joyce Beatty '02M, principal at Belville Elementary School, was named 2006-07 Brunswick County Principal of the Year. She was featured in the fall 2007 issue of *North Brunswick Magazine*.

Ashley Craven '02, who teaches in the academically and intellectually gifted program with Davidson County Schools, received her national board certification and was selected Wallburg Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Anthony Deninno '02, president and founder of Symmetry Event Solutions Inc. (symmetryeventsolutions.com) in Brooklyn, N.Y., serves on the board of directors of the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund Inc.

Luisa C. Martinez '02 is an enrollment services coordinator at University of North Florida. She has a Master of Public Administration degree from UNC Pembroke.

Dave Minella '02 won first place in the men's lightweight division at the International Natural Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation Atlantic Coast Natural Bodybuilding Championships in High Point. He is the public relations/advertising manager for ShopBot Tools in Durham.

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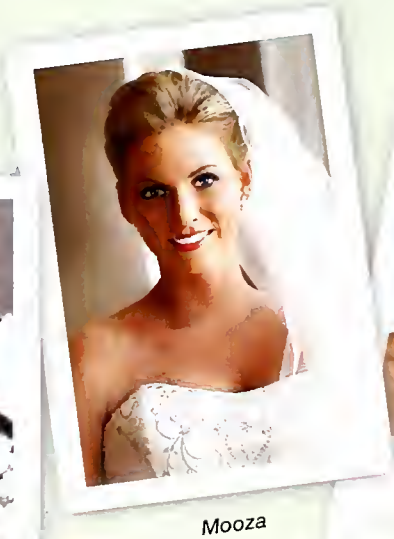

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Lee Moon '02 is an assistant basketball coach at Fresno State University.

Terrance Murphy '02 of St. Louis, Mo., is a credit analyst with the healthcare group of US Bank.

Elizabeth Clauss '03 is a 2007 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Helen Carter Esch '03 is pursuing a Ph.D. in biological oceanography at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Program.

Sherrita L. Hedgepeth '03 completed Army basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

Brandy N. Penny '03 was appointed grade level chair for first grade at Smith Elementary School in Raleigh.

Jessica H. Warren '03 is a pre-major advisor and coordinator of internships and career services at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Christine Cathcart '04 is an internal auditor with MTV Networks in New York, N.Y. She received internal auditor certification in May 2007.

Rebecca D'Amico '04 is an account executive with Em Communications in Washington, D.C.

Brian D. English '04 is a senior Web developer with Spence Hackney Designs in Wilmington.

Jeff Lennox '04 is a news reporter with WESH 2 News in Winter Park, Fla.

Heather R. Mosier '04 is enrolled at UNCW in the Master of Arts degree program in psychology, with a concentration in applied behavior analysis. She is a career coach with Preferred Alternatives.

Kara B. Still '04M made her directorial debut with the film *Altared*. She is self-employed as a script supervisor in Wilmington.

Julia Strachan '04 is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree in performing arts management at the N.C. School of the Arts. This summer she was a communications/development intern with Theatre Communications Group in Manhattan, N.Y.

Lauren Hoke '05 was promoted to division coordinator of The Executive Staffing Group. She resides in Raleigh.

Jim Phillips '05 earned a Master of Arts degree in English from NC State University. He is an English instructor at Auldern Academy in Siler City, N.C.

Maghan Gerrald Bender '06 is an administrator at Atlantic Wealth Advisors.

Whitney Fauntleroy '06 is interim youth director at Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington.

Matt Mumpower '06 is an account coordinator with the Goss Agency in Asheville.

Corey Heim '06 is the chief operating officer with Dry Corp, a Wilmington-based company that manufactures surgical latex sleeves that provide waterproof protection for casts, bandages and prosthetics.

Concluding her first season as a professional golfer, **Stephanie Otteson '06** of Wilson qualified for an exemption for 2008 Duramed FUTURES Tour.

John Raynor '06 was named the South Atlantic League's Most Valuable Player for the 2007 season. A member of the Greensboro Grasshoppers, he was recognized by *Baseball America* as the league's best and fastest base runner.

Shelley J. Smith '06 is an investigative reporter for the Avery *Journal-Times* in Avery County.

Luba Zakharov '06M won a scholarship to attend the Washington Cultural Congress, an Artist Trust conference supporting art at its source, April 23-25, 2007, in Leavenworth, Wash.

Roey Rosenblith '07 is president of Cape Fear Biofuels.

WEDDINGS

Sara E. Marks '86 and George E. Bason Jr. on April 21, 2007. Sara is a marketing analyst with GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park. The two reside in Raleigh.

Laura M. Medlin '93 and Maj. Timothy D. Forrest on May 5, 2007. She is an attorney with LaBarge, Campbell & Lyon LLC in Chicago.

Judd P. Tracy '96 and Marlayna Neste on March 31, 2007. Judd is a loan officer with Harbourside Community Bank. They reside in Bluffton, S.C.

Christina B. DiGiovanna '97 and Kevin Short on March 31, 2007. Christina is a fifth grade math and science teacher at Sangaree Intermediate School in Summerville, S.C.

Robyn S. Staup '98 and Rusty Sweet on July 7, 2007. She is the earth/life sciences coordinator with Boonshoft Museum of Discovery in Dayton, Ohio.

Marissa W. Sizemore '98 and Jonathan Virtuoso on June 16, 2007. She is a program manager for corporate readiness with Blackhaud in Charleston, S.C.

Tammy R. Dozier '99 and **Barry F. Scott '99** on March 31, 2007. Tammy is a licensed practical nurse at Autumn Care of Myrtle Grove.

Jonathon Jeffries '99 and Rosie Kwok on August 11, 2007. Jonathon is a business analyst with Georgia Tech.

Arlene Gillings '00 and John O. Price on May 13, 2006. Arlene is a CAP case manager/social worker with New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Anne Mason '00 and Charles Sutton on July 7, 2007. Anne is studying film production and acting. They reside in Durham.

Christina Attinger '01 and **Jeremy E. Lamm '02** on May 27, 2006. Christina is a Spanish teacher at St. Coleman Catholic School, and Jeremy is the southeast Florida account representative for Ideacom Healthcare Communications of Florida. They reside in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Karrie M. Bartlett '01 and Joshua S. Tilley on June 9, 2007. Karrie is an administrative assistant for men's basketball officiating and public relations/marketing with the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Lori Fuller '02 and Gene Besaw on Oct. 21, 2006. They reside in Creedmoor, N.C.

Allison C. Richardson '05 and William C. Erwin on May 19, 2006. Allison is an account manager with MTI Marketing in Carlsbad, Calif.

Lindsey E. Floyd '05 and Randy VanHouten on May 19, 2007. They reside in Nashville, N.C.

Cassidy Deaton '05 and Daniel Sanford on July 21, 2007. Cassidy is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Morton Plant Mease Hospital. They reside in Tampa, Fla.

Bridgette P. Mooza '05 and Christopher T. Bray on June 16, 2007.

Cheryl Blake '06M and **Matthew Price '05M** on March 8, 2007. Cheryl and Matthew are pursuing their doctoral degrees in literature at Florida State University.

Andrea Lewis '06 and Tim C. Winters on May 5, 2007. Andrea is a marketing assistant with Gregory Poole Equipment Company. They reside in Raleigh.

BIRTHS

To **Kim H. Gardner '83** and his wife Geri, a daughter, Karsten Rae, on Jan. 14, 2007. Kim is a project manager for middle Tennessee with Alfred Williams and Company.

To **Joseph Collins '91** and his wife Kristina Graff, a daughter, Celeste Maritza, on Dec. 25, 2006. Joseph is self-employed as an actor

To **Luther Jett '93** and his wife Laura, a daughter, Lainey, on Sept. 7, 2006. Luther works in information technology with Wachovia Bank.

To **Wendy S. Locante '93** and her husband Craig, a daughter, Sylvie Sabine, on April 3, 2007. They reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

To **James E. Hicks '95** and his wife Nicole, twins, Georgia Margaret and Harrison Alexander, on May 17, 2006. They join twin sisters Katherine and Caroline.

To **Steve '96** and **Liz Longphre Elliott '96, '98M**, a daughter, Penny Rose, on Sept. 6, 2006. Steve is an assistant professor in the UNCW Department of Health and Applied Human Sciences, and Liz is a research analyst with the UNCW Center for Marine Science.

To **Devon Jones Mann '96** and her husband Morgan, a daughter, Hollis, on April 20, 2007. Devon is a biology instructor at the College of Lake County. They reside in Grayslake, Ill.

To **Amanda Herman Pollock '96** and her husband Brad, a daughter, Emily Claire, in August 2006.

To **Lisa Eller Taylor '96** and her husband Scott, a daughter, Jessica Renea, on Feb. 2, 2007. The family resides in High Point.

To **Donald S. Luquire '97** and his wife Shannon, a son, Oliver Chase, on March 29, 2007. Donald is a regional sales manager with Advanced Homecare. They reside in New Bern.

To **Kathryn Underwood Melton '97** and her husband Brent, a son, Harrison Pollock, on June 9, 2007. Kathryn started her own law firm in January 2007 focusing on estate planning and advocacy for people with disabilities.

To **Gregory K. '98** and **Alison Setzer Bellamy '05M**, a daughter, Ella Victoria, on Sept. 28, 2006. Alison is a first grade teacher with Pender County Schools, and Gregory is employed by Southport Boatworks.

To **John K. '98 and** Kalicia Parrish Gurley '98 a son, Caygen Trace, on Feb. 20, 2007. John is a supervisor with Wyeth. They reside in Selma.

To **William "Trip" '98** and **Holly Hunt Kolkmeyer '96**, a son, Wyatt Lee, on Jan. 24, 2007. Holly is a stay-at-home mother. Trip is a research fisheries biologist with National Marine Fisheries Service. They reside in Emerald Isle.

To **Emma Kelly Washington '98, '00M** and her husband Troy, a son, Noah, on Aug. 10, 2007. They reside in Greensboro.

To **Kelly Allen '99** and her husband Brit Young, a daughter, Savannah Blaire, on May 30, 2007. Kelly is an administrative assistant with Lee Christian School in Sanford.

To **Marty Minchin '99M** and her husband Christopher Metzl, a daughter, Molly Caroline, on Jan. 20, 2007.

To **Stephanie Winslow Walters '99** and her husband Brannon, twin sons, Liam and Charles, on March 28, 2007. They reside in Los Angeles.

To **Asa H. '00** and **Amanda Stanfield Bullard '02**, a daughter, Cassie Amanda, on April 11, 2007. Asa is a manager with Bullard Furniture in Fayetteville.

To **Lori Worley Medeiros '00, '03** and her husband Dennis, a daughter, Laila Amelia, on May 3, 2007. Lori is a serious adverse event coordinator with PPD Inc. in Wilmington.

To **Marie Harrod Robinson '00** and her husband Adam, a son, Brody Adam, on Aug. 6, 2007.

To **Amy Ballentine Baum '01** and her husband Nicholas, a daughter, Bonnie Claire, on May 29, 2007. Amy is a fourth grade teacher with Portsmouth Public Schools in Virginia.

To **Thiane Carter Edwards '01** and her husband Antwoine, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, on Feb. 5, 2007. Thiane is a senior contract compliance specialist with Ken Weeden and Associates.

To **S. Chad '01M** and **Tiffany Calhoun Daniel '01**, a son, Brendan Kasay, on Dec. 18, 2006. Tiffany is a clinical data manager with PPD, and Chad is the owner of Breakforth! They reside in Burgaw

To **Daniel P. '01** and **Michelle Smith McGarry '01**, a son, Chase Patrick, on Feb. 26, 2007. Daniel is an assistant principal with the Upper Darby School District in Pennsylvania, and Michelle is a realtor with Century 21 Alliance.

To **Chad N. '03** and **Jodi Francis Leary' 02**, a son, Ezekiel Francis, on May 29, 2007. Chad is a science teacher and athletic coach at Manteo High School. Jodi is a school nurse at Manteo Elementary School.

To **Maegan R. Rountree '03**, a daughter, Evan Elyse, on April 21, 2007. Maegan teaches fourth grade at Kimberley Park Elementary School in Winston-Salem.

To **Lisa Fogleman Erisman'06** and her husband William, a daughter, Charlotte Anne, on March 29, 2007. They reside in Olympia, Wash.

To **James R. Hinkson '06M** and his wife Amy, a son, Jack Allan, on March 5, 2007. James is employed by Bancorp-South.

To **Patrick G. Riley '06** and his wife Heather, a son, John Northup, on May 29, 2007. Patrick is a commercial broker with Maus, Warwick, Matthews & Co. in Supply.

To **Rosemary Segasture Saylor '06** and her husband David, a son, Elijah Felix, on July 3, 2006. Rosemary is a sales rep with Chadsworth Columns in Wilmington.

FRIENDS

Doretha M. Stone, 66, died on July 21, 2007. Doretha was an associate professor of nursing at UNCW. Prior to her retirement, she served as senior level coordinator and interim associate dean in the School of Nursing.

UNC Wilmington alumnus **Jor-El Caraballo** (top, in doorway) is touring the country with a rape prevention group called "One In Four". Fellow tour members are, left to right, Dan Mollison (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), James Ambrose and JT Newberry (College of William and Mary).

Caring enough to change lives

THE NUMBERS ARE ALARMING

According to national statistics, one in four women will survive a rape or attempted rape before the end of her college experience, but only around 30 percent report the incidents to police.

Men often gloss over such numbers, believing they are of no value to their sex. However, Jor-El Caraballo '07 noted, "Although most people view rape as a women's issue, the reality is most rapes are committed by men."

Caraballo is empowering colleges and military bases across the country to challenge rape myths, support sexual assault survivors and promote a safe environment. He is one of four male peer educators on the One in Four (1in4) National RV Tour, a non-profit program featured in *O! Magazine* and *Cosmo Girl*, that aims to prevent rape with educational programming supported by sound research.

Caraballo learned about 1in4 through his internship with the UNCW Collaboration for Assault Response & Education (CARE), a program "dedicated to intervening on a broad spectrum of violent behaviors, including sexual assault, relationship abuse, stalking and harassment" with crisis intervention, empathetic consultation, educational programming and partnerships with community organizations.

"It was perfect when he joined us, because at the time, we were hiring Adam Tate to start the men's program, and they were able to connect on men's issues," said Rebecca Caldwell, director of substance abuse prevention and education, CROSSROADS and CARE programs.

Tate, UNCW coordinator for men's programs and a former member of the University of Virginia 1in4 student chapter, said, "I learned as much from Jor-El as he learned from me. When he helped me with the Men's Leadership Summit and Take Back the Night, I discovered he was a great presenter and wonderful person who really thinks outside the box."

In 2007, when the 1in4 tour visited UNCW, "someone commented that Jor-El stayed through both presentations and seemed captivated," said Caldwell. Impressed by the presentation's innovative "men educating men" approach, Caraballo immediately began to research the group.

"I am so proud to say I am a UNCW graduate when I am on that stage presenting. If it weren't for CARE, I would not have known about One in Four," he said.

Although Caraballo's story is unique, the impact CARE has on its peer educators is not uncommon.

CARE and CROSSROADS, UNCW's substance abuse prevention program, are staffed by students who Caldwell, the 2007 UNCW Staff Award of Excellence recipient, called "our best ambassadors."

They spread the messages constantly just by being who they are and ultimately gather skills they can carry into the workforce," she said.

"A lot of students volunteer here, and their eyes are opened to how great it is to help change people's lives before they have a consequence. From the beginning, Jor-El expressed an interest in becoming a counselor, but he did not initially think about a career path in prevention."

Caraballo confirmed, "CARE changed the course of my life. Now I have the honor of changing people's lives."

"I will never, ever forget the first time I spoke with a female survivor after the program. It was a moment when everything came full circle. It really solidified that this is where I am meant to be," he said.

UNCW aims to establish a 1in4 student chapter of male rape prevention educators by spring 2008.

For more information, visit **www.uncw.edu/care** and **www.oneinfourusa.org**.

THROUGH THE EYES OF FEMALE VETERANS:

Holmstedt explores combat in Iraq

by Joy C. Davis '07

On Sept. 11, 2001, author Kirsten Holmstedt '06M watched in shock as the World Trade Center Twin Towers crumbled to the ground at the hands of terrorists.

In the months that followed, the United States entered into a war in which more American women would serve in combat roles than ever before – four times the number in Desert Storm.

Consumed by the humanity of the conflict, Holmstedt remained glued to the media and combated questions about how she would cope if she were one of the young female soldiers on CNN.

"I wanted to know how they dealt with combat," she said. "I really wanted to put myself in their boots."

This desire led Holmstedt down a path she never anticipated: She became the public voice for this unique community in *Band of Sisters: American Women at War in Iraq*, a nonfiction book detailing the experiences of 11 female veterans.

In 2002, 9/11 still echoing in her mind, Holmstedt made the life-altering decision to enter the UNCW Master of Fine Arts program.

"When I started *Band of Sisters* as my graduate thesis, I didn't have the experience of writing a book. However, I was passionate and highly motivated. They (MFA professors) built on what I had, and gave me the tools to develop as a writer. They even helped me find my agent and publisher."

Nationally recognized for fostering a rigorous, supportive environment in which writers can grow as artists and individuals, the MFA program was recently named by *The Atlantic* as one of the five top innovative/unique programs in creative writing.

Additionally, *Band of Sisters* is one of the more than 20 published UNCW MFA student books.

In *Band of Sisters*, Holmstedt describes the impact of her thesis advisor, Department of Creative Writing chair Philip Gerard, as "monumental," noting "a direct link between his confidence in me … and my ability to make this book a reality."

With Gerard as her mentor, Holmstedt composed a work unlike previous publications on female veterans. *Band of Sisters* has gained national attention because it does not debate the role of women in combat or focus on sexual discrimination in the military. Instead, it examines war through the eyes of female individuals with universal emotions, challenges and fears.

"She stood up to some extreme criticism early on for this vision," said Gerard. "Initially these women did not want to stand out and rock the boat. They did not want to impact the very tight military community they valued, but Kirsten believed in their stories and bravely pursued them."

In addition to her full-time job as a staff writer for Coastal Carolina Community College, Holmstedt spent thousands of hours traveling cross-country to interview female veterans and their families. The results have been phenomenal.

Ten days after the first print, *Band of Sisters* went into its second print. Hundreds of people have gathered at book signings to learn more about women like Army Spec. Rachelle Spors, one of many women severely wounded by improvised explosive device (IEDs); Lt. Col. Polly Montgomery, a mother and the first female commander of a U.S. Air Force combat squadron; and Marine Capt. Vernice Armour, the first female African American combat pilot in the history of the Department of Defense.

"Women of all ages e-mail me daily to say, 'Thank you.' Others say, 'You must be so proud of yourself.' But I am just so proud for these amazing women I admire," said Holmstedt.

Wendy Brenner, creative writing associate professor, said, "It's exciting we are able to serve the community through her. We have so many military students and community members in our area. Serving locally is a big part of UNCW's mission and that is exactly what this book has done."

Holmstedt hopes to continue serving the community by developing a new book on women and the military from a different angle. For her, "it is all about the women, all about the band of sisters."

More information about Holmstedt and her book is available online at **www.bandofsistersbook.com**.

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1-2	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra *
2	UNCW Chamber Singers and Concert Choir
2	Wise Alumni House Holiday Open House
5	Last Day of Classes
7-14	Final Exams
8	North Carolina Symphony *
14	Senior Sankofa
15	Commencement
19	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon
21	*It's a Wonderful Life* Screening
24-31	Winter Break UNCW Offices Closed

January

1	New Years Day UNCW Offices Closed
4	Spring Semester Begins
9	First Day of Classes
16	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon
21	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday UNCW Offices Closed
23	Wilmington Concert Association * Teatro Lirico d'Europa
26	Alumni Association Tealgating Social

February

2	UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
8	Alumni Awards Banquet and Scholarship Endowment Gala
9	Homecoming – Seahawks vs. James Madison Dukes Alumni Association Tealgating Social
9	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra *
10	North Carolina Symphony *
11	UNCW Leadership Lecture Series * Jamaica Kincaid
17	Chamber Music Wilmington Eric Pritchard, violin
20	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon
21-24	UNCW Theatre Presents Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party*
26	Cameron School Alumni Mixer

March

1	Alumni Association Tealgating Social
1-9	Spring Break
7-10	CAA Tournament
11	Arts in Action * Garth Fagan Dance
15	Crew Club Reunion
18	Wilmington Concert Association * Empire Brass Quintet
19	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon
21	Good Friday Holiday UNCW Offices Closed
24	UNCW Leadership Lecture Series * Stephen Lewis
28	Communication Studies Day
30	Chamber Music Wilmington Tamara Matthews, soprano

April

1	UNCW Wind Symphony
9	UNCW Presents * Angelique Kidgo
10-13	UNCW Theatre Presents Moliere's *Scapino*
13	North Carolina Symphony *
16	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon
18	UNCW Presents * Lila Downs
26	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra *
28	Last Day of Classes
28	UNCW Wind Symphony

* Performances are at 8 p.m. in Kenan Auditorium. Events may require reservations or charge for admission. For tickets and additional information call 910.962.3500 or 800.732.3643. A complete list of UNCW cultural programs are online at www.uncw.edu/arts.

William Franklin '94 developed and raised these pumpkins on family land in Wilmington, N.C. He crossbred several types of pumpkins to produce varieties with rich colors, high gloss and a long shelf life.
Photo by Jamie Moncrief

HOMECOMING 2008

Feb 8-10

Annual UNCW Alumni Association Awards Banquet and Scholarship Endowment Gala

Friday Feb. 8, Warwick Center Ballroom

Honoring three award recipients:

Young Alumnus of the Year: Bill Mayew '97, '98M (former basketball star)

Citizen of the Year: Tyrone "Ty" Rowell

Alumni of the Year: Herbert Fisher '53 and Sylvia Fisher '50

Homecoming TEALgate

Saturday Feb. 9, 2008, outside Trask Coliseum

Men's basketball – Seahawks vs. James Madison Dukes.

Visit www.uncw.edu/alumni for more information, for sponsorship opportunities or to make reservations.

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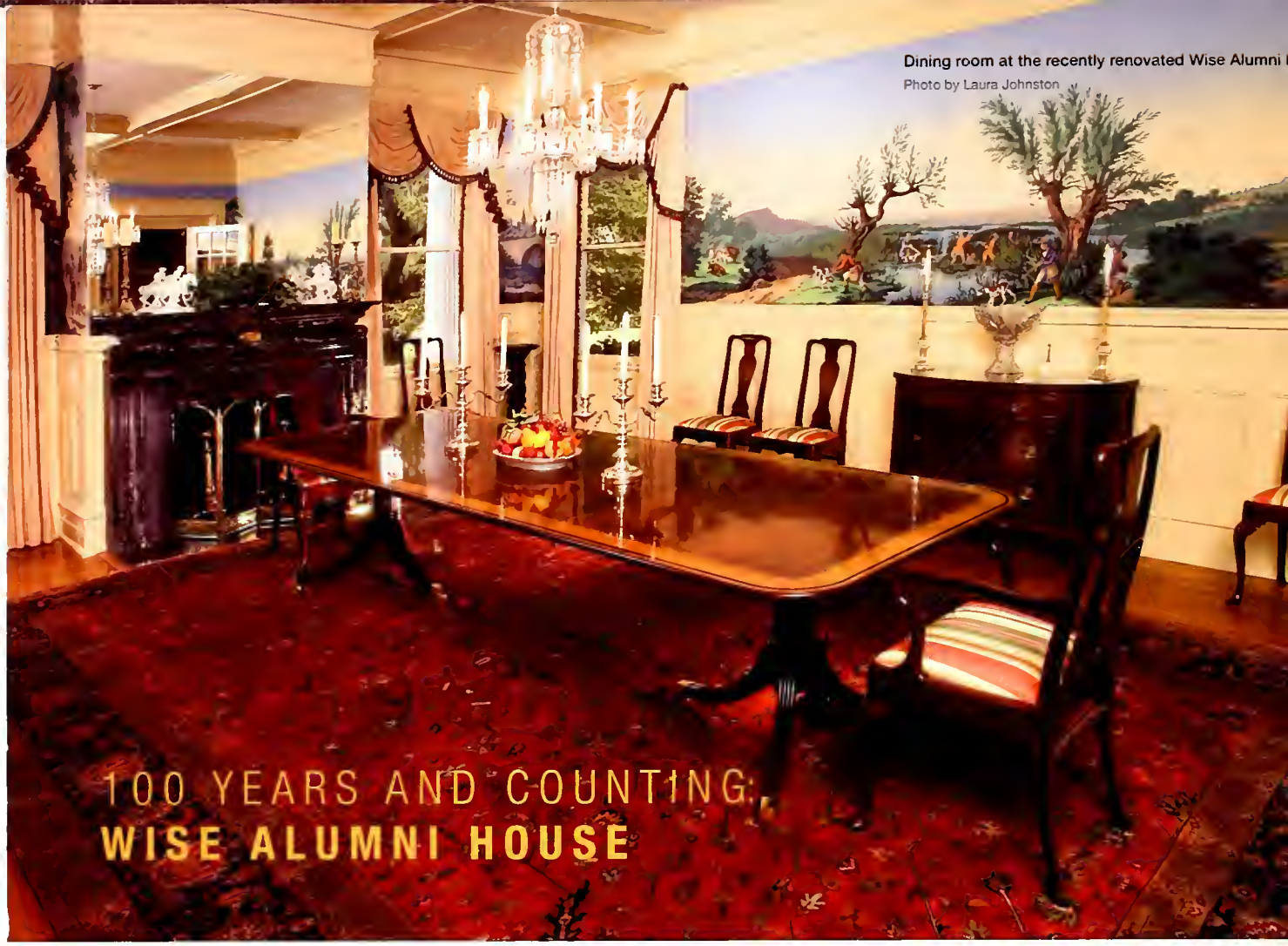

Dining room at the recently renovated Wise Alumni
Photo by Laura Johnston

100 YEARS AND COUNTING:
WISE ALUMNI HOUSE

With a new slate roof and extensive interior renovations, the Wise Alumni House is ready for the next 100 years. Take a virtual tour of this historic masterpiece at **www.uncw.edu/wisehousetour**. Home to the UNCW Alumni Association, the house and its story (page 22) illustrate the powerful impact alumni can have by working together. Make a difference at your alma mater – attend campus events, volunteer as a mentor, donate to a scholarship. Visit www.uncw.edu/giveonline to start giving back today.

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On the cover:
The new taste for green across the UNCW campus includes replacing incandescent bulbs with florescent bulbs and emphasizing recycling

This photo illustration was created by Jamie Moncrief and Shir Sawyer

Jamie Moncrief

Shannon Owens, a member of UNCW Fellowship of Christian University Students, was among the students and staff who volunteered with the UNCW Habitat for Humanity Chapter to build the Seahawk Cottage on Prices Lane in Wilmington. It was dedicated Feb. 17 and turned over to its new owner, Lataya Smith. Chapter president Naomi Kemper said the project "brought our campus together. We got a lot of volunteers out here." Last year, UNCW students volunteered 35,000 hours with local, regional and national organizations, which translates into more than $680,000 in economic value. View a multimedia presentation of the construction at www.uncw.edu/marketingcommunications/gallery/2008uncw_habitat.

Dear alumni and friends

As you will see in this issue of *UNCW Magazine*, we have much to celebrate, many reasons to be proud Seahawks and much to look forward to this spring and beyond.

Kiplinger's 2008 rankings once again named UNCW as one of the top four "Best Values" among public universities in North Carolina. Since 2003, *Kiplinger's* has rated UNC Wilmington in the top five for the state. It is gratifying to know that various independent reports consistently recognize UNCW as among the nation's best institutions of higher education.

In addition to celebrating another national ranking, we recognized some of our best and brightest during Homecoming. Congratulations to Herbert and Sylvia Fisher for being selected as Alumni of the Year and to William J. Mayew for being picked as Young Alumnus of the Year. Ty Rowell received the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Look inside for more about this splendid evening.

With nearly 25 percent of our outstanding campus designated to remain green, we are acutely aware of the need for responsible stewardship. Our new Sustainability Committee will be looking into ways to implement sustainable practices in all facets of campus life. Visit uncw.edu/sustainability to learn more. A valuable parallel initiative being hosted on campus by the SGA in April is a national collegiate sustainability conference.

Construction and renovation continue to enhance the campus. As of March, the renovated University Union, with a new Hawk's Nest, and a renovated Burney Center, with additional ballroom space, opened. A covered colonnade links these key elements of the campus center. Creative writing has moved into newly renovated Kenan Hall, which boasts a fantastic new publishing lab and an editing suite and black box film set for film studies. The CMS operations center is underway, and baseball finally has a new place to call home – the Fisher Field House.

On a sad note, the university mourns the passing in December of Frank Capra Jr., adjunct professor of film studies, CEO of EUE Screen Gems and UNCW Alumni Association 2007 Citizen of the Year. Frank was a good friend and strong supporter of UNCW. He wanted our students to be successful and to become part of a strong, thriving film industry in North Carolina. He will be greatly missed.

As always, I encourage your calls, letters and e-mails, and appreciate your continued support for this great university.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo

Chancellor

Christine Lussier with the N.C. State Medical Assistance Team (left) goes through a step-by-step explanation to teach Camp BONES student **Mariah Governor** and nursing student **Christy Byrne** (far right) how to handle injured victims during an emergency situation.

Local middle *and* high school students learn trauma care

In response to North Carolina's nursing shortage and diverse health care needs, a full-scale disaster drill on the UNCW campus provided local minority middle and high school students with experience few practicing nurses possess – trauma assessment and treatment in a mass casualty situation.

Held in November, the Category 5 hurricane drill was part of Camp BONES (Brigade of Nurse Exploring Seahawks), a nursing and health academy aimed at academically preparing students for college and the nursing and health science professions.

"We are grooming the next generation of nurses," said Brandy Mechling, lecturer in the UNC Wilmington School of Nursing.

Volunteer victims suffering from injuries simulated by "moulage" makeup enabled Camp BONES students from five southeastern counties to triage a wide variety of unique physical symptoms, learn how to operate a decontamination unit and manage the stress of a mass casualty incident.

A state partnership between the UNCW School of Nursing, South East Area Health Education Center, New Hanover Regional Medical Center and the North Carolina State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT), the drill enlisted approximately 15 SMAT members and more than 30 nursing students and 14 faculty who guided the Camp BONES students through the experience.

Beginning this spring, students will be able to earn an American Chemical Society certified bachelor of science degree in chemistry and a master of science degree in chemistry in five years.

Jamie Moncrief

Graduate degree offerings grow

First it was the high school diploma, then it was the bachelor's degree. Today, in many fields, it takes a master's degree to get a good job.

Employers require it; students need it. It's a reflection of the move toward a more technical workforce – worldwide.

"There is this changing expectation," said Robert Roer, dean of UNCW Graduate School.

To keep pace with the growing marketplace demands, UNCW is expanding its offerings. Five new graduate programs were offered in 2007, and over the next several years, eight more will be in place.

Compared to similar institutions (based on research expenditures of $18 million) UNCW's graduate school enrollment is half the norm.

"Many institutions that conduct the level of research we do would have 20 percent graduate enrollment. We're approaching 10 percent," Roer said. "We certainly have the capacity to increase enrollment in our current programs, but growth will be in the new master's programs."

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Gerontology
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International business administration
Nursing – post-master's certificate
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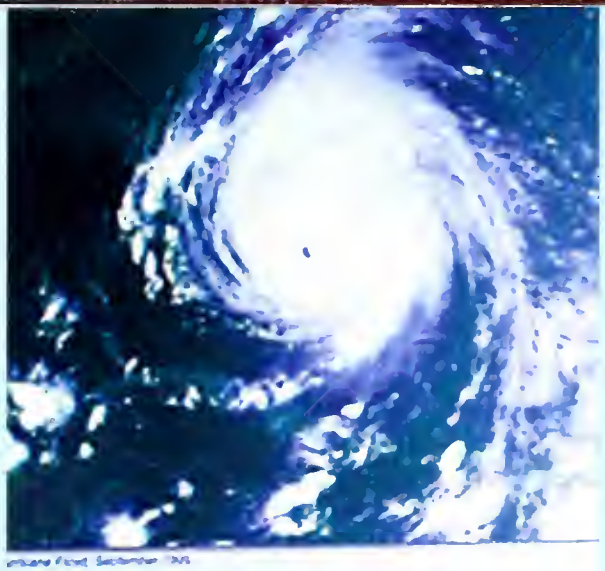

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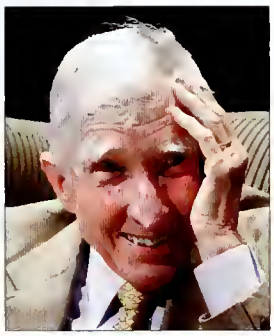
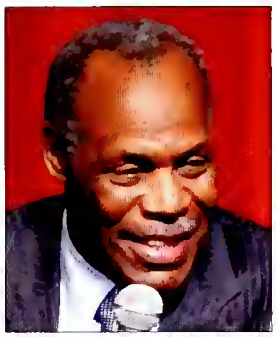
This interactive, hands-on exhibit at the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science is designed to expose visitors to a sampling of the breadth of ocean research that takes place in the Cape Fear region.

OCEAN presents seven UNCW Center for Marine Science research projects in the fields of exploration technology, coastal erosion, commercial fishing and biotechnology. The exhibit's hundreds of photographs and objects illustrate the scope of work marine researchers undertake, from slogging through muddy oyster flats, to poring over data on a computer, to living underwater on a submerged research laboratory.

UNCW faculty and staff involved in the exhibit include Dan Baden, director, Center for Marine Science; Jennifer Dorton, Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program outreach education coordinator; Nancy Grindlay, professor, geography and geology; Martin Posey, biology and marine biology department chair and professor; Tom Potts, associate director, National Undersea Research Center; Melissa Smith, scientific illustrator; Steve Ross, visiting research associate professor; Wade Watanabe, research professor; Bill Cleary, geography and geology professor; Teresa Thorpe, faculty; Frederick Scharf, biology and marine biology assistant professor; Troy Alphin, biology and marine biology research associate.

The exhibit runs through Jan. 4, 2009. UNCW alumni, faculty, staff and students can receive $1 off the price of admission or buy one adult admission and get one free. An online coupon is available at **www.uncw.edu/alumni/ocean_exhibit.jpg**.





UNCW hosted events with numerous well-known celebrities in recent months. In October, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer **John Updike** fielded questions following a lecture and reading of his poems to a sold-out audience in Kenan Auditorium as part of the Katherine K. Buckner Lecture Series sponsored by the Department of Creative Writing. In November, a tribute was held for veteran actor **Pat Hingle** (who played Commissioner Gordon in the *Batman* movie series) recognizing him for his on-going support of the UNCW Theatre Department and the Pat Hingle Guest Artist Endowment Fund. At the 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in January, actor and activist **Danny Glover** read a selection of poetry and prose in a performance billed as An Evening with Langston and Martin.

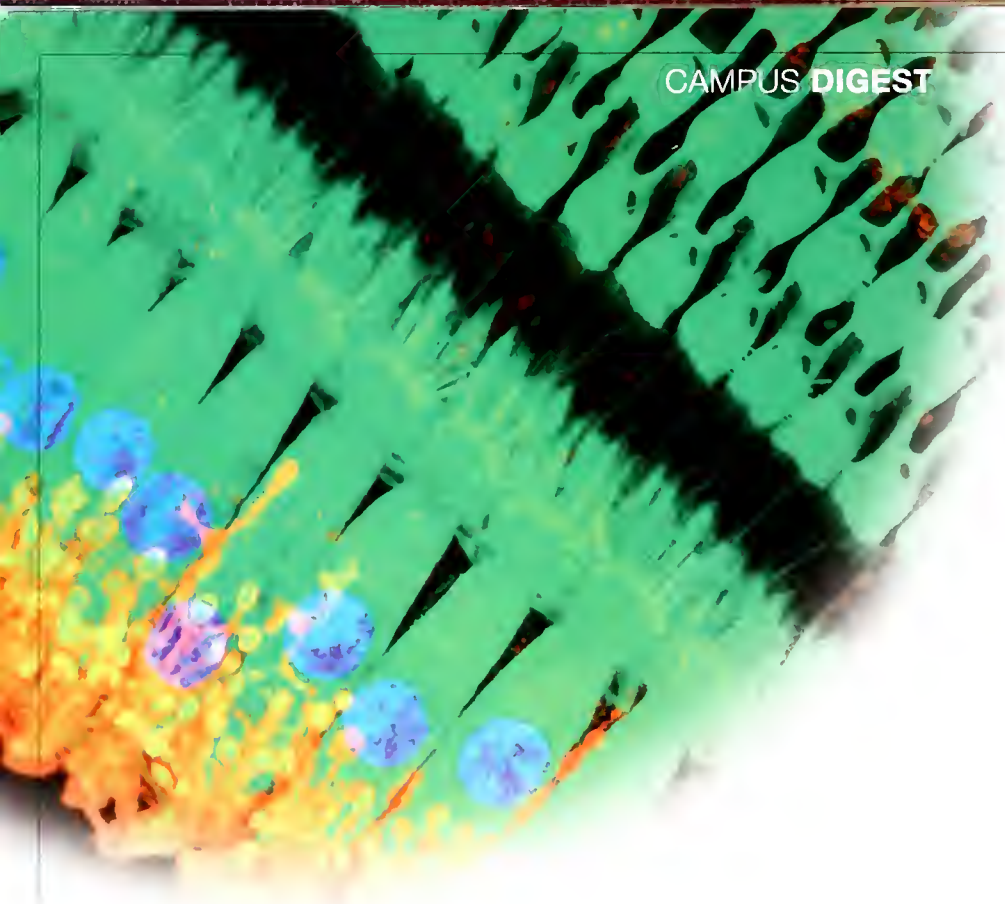
Chancellor honored *for community impact*

The Omicron Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presented its Citizen of the Year award to Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo during the fraternity's National Achievement Week.

The award, given to the citizen who has made the greatest contribution to and impact on the community, is the fraternity's highest honor. It acknowledged DePaolo's commitment to inclusion as well as her continued outreach to the less fortunate and those who are often overlooked within the Wilmington community. The plaque was presented by James Jones.

Others who were recognized included former UNCW trustee Linda Upperman Smith, Humanitarian Award; Lillian Barfield '07, Omega Youth Award; UNCW undergraduate students Uri Robinson, Derek Waddell and Justin Anderson, Scholarship Award; and development director T. Kevin Williamson, Uplift Award.

In 2006 the fraternity endowed a $25,000 scholarship to UNCW for those seeking degrees in the education field in honor of Ernest Swain, now deceased.



faculty and staff

UNCW researchers received more than $300,000 for projects having strong economic development potential that could provide real solutions to problems facing the state and lead to creation of new jobs.

The grants, part of the $3.8 million awarded by UNC General Administration, coincided with the completion of a series of forums asking people across the state what they believe is needed from their public university over the next 20 years. The UNC Tomorrow Commission draft recommendations included strong support for more direct university involvement in shaping the state's economic future.

"These grants will help us, in collaboration with local and state agencies and private businesses, to do the kind of research that will improve existing products and processes and create new innovations that will fuel our future," said Steve Leath, UNC vice president for research.

Sonya Pyott took fourth place in the 2007 Olympus BioScapes Digital Imaging Competition with her image (above) of tiny vertebrate cochlea and hair cells. A research assistant professor in biology and marine biology, Pyott studies how sensory hair cells in the cochlea, the mammalian hearing organ, are regulated by neurotransmitter receptors and ion channels. These sensory cells provide a unique system to relate the contributions of single molecules to the physiology of the cell and the behaving (hearing) organism.

Lawrence Cahoon and **Bongkeun Song**, biology and marine biology, and **Christopher Halkides**, chemistry and biochemistry, received $116,507 to explore new approaches for using hog waste to create economically viable, valued-added products.

Lynn Leonard, Center for Marine Science, received $200,000 to work with a multi-institutional team to develop and deploy an environmental monitoring platform in the southern Pamlico Sound.

Cathy Barlow was elected by national ballot president-elect of the Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities, an organization committed to providing an education of excellence for the youth of America. It accepts the responsibility of helping to shape the future of education in the United States by the way its member institutions educate teachers and other education professionals. TECSCU member institutions rely upon it for policy development, direction and services to improve schooling at all levels.

Fermin Recarte is the new director of Centro Hispano, which promotes opportunities that expand the university's cultural understanding and appreciation of the Hispanic world. Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and Catalán, Recarte holds two master's degrees – one in Latin American literature from Purdue University and another in foreign language education from Utah State University. He expects to complete the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Afro-Caribbean literature from Purdue this year.

Research professor **Michael Mallin** was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal *Science*. The director of the Aquatic Ecology Laboratory at the UNCW Center for Marine Science, Mallin was honored for "significant contributions to aquatic ecology, particularly for providing important insights into how estuarine ecosystems will be altered as global warming progresses."

Rick Olsen '87, communication studies department chair, was awarded the Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award at the fall faculty meeting. He was also one of three recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award. **Frank Ainsley**, geography and geology, and **John Bennett**, health and applied human sciences, were the others honored. Faculty Scholarship Awards were presented to **Dale Cohen**, psychology; **Jeannne Kemppainen**, nursing; and **Michael Seidman**, history. **Kathleen Benzaquin**, Teaching Fellows Program director, and **Diane Melroy**, biology and marine biology, were recognized as Lecturers of the Year. Graduate Mentor Awards went to **Nora Noel**, psychology, and **William McCarthy**, history.

'dinar' man

Before coming to UNCW, **Thomas Simpson** spent three decades helping shape the nation's monetary policy as a senior staff member at the Federal Reserve. And for the past four years, he has been working to revive and sustain the Central Bank of Iraq. In 2003, he was instrumental in creating more than $2 billion in new dinars, the Iraqi currency. He describes his work in the book, *Global Financial Warriors*. Simpson still spends about 20 percent of his working days analyzing Iraq's economy, holding conference calls with other experts and advising its Central Bank. At UNCW, he is an Executive in Residence in the Cameron School of Business Department of Economics and Finance.

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Joshua L. Philley

Men score with 20-win season

by Joe Browning

Sparked by four determined seniors and a spunky freshman, the UNCW men's basketball team returned the program to its lofty status with the school's fifth 20-win season in 2007-08.

Seniors T.J. Carter, Daniel Fountain, Todd Hendley and Vladimir Kuljanin started together in all but two games this past season and were joined by newcomer Chad Tomko as the Seahawks fashioned a 20-13 overall record and tied for second place in the Colonial Athletic Association at 12-6.

Carter made a triumphant return after sitting out last season and was named a finalist for the V Foundation Comeback Award following a brilliant senior campaign. The guard from Mechanicsville, Md., led the team in scoring with 15.8 points per game and ranked among the CAA's leaders in several statistical categories en route to First-Team All-CAA honors. Carter led the league in free throw accuracy by hitting 85.6 percent of his free throws and set a school record with 37 consecutive free throws late in the season.

Fountain was the CAA's top long range shooter, connecting on 42.4 percent of his 3-point field goal attempts and ranked second behind Carter in scoring with 12.9 ppg.

Kuljanin, a Second-Team All-CAA pick, led the CAA in field goal percentage and ranked second in rebounding. He averaged 12.8 ppg and 9.9 rpg and recorded 12 double-doubles in his final season with the Seahawks.

Hendley, meanwhile, ranked fourth on the team in scoring with 12.5 ppg. He was named recipient of the prestigious Dean Ehlers Leadership Award at the CAA's post-season banquet for his all-around leadership ability and contributions on and off the court.

Tomko stepped in and performed valiantly as a freshman, averaging 8.6 points per contest and coming up big in key games. He was named to the CAA's All-Rookie Team and finished third in the Rookie of the Year balloting.

UNCW continued its long tradition of placing someone on the league's All-Academic unit when sophomore Darion Jeralds, a business management major, collected the honor. The Winston-Salem native is the 19th Seahawk to be honored since the award was initiated in 1995.

Benny Moss, UNCW's second-year coach, orchestrated one of the best turnarounds on the NCAA Division I level. He was runner-up in the voting for CAA Coach of the Year and piloted the Seahawks to a sweep of eventual CAA champion George Mason and road wins at GMU, Old Dominion and rival East Carolina for the first time since the 1997-98 season.

The Seahawks made appearances in the Chicago Invitational Challenge and ESPNU BracketBusters, matching the school record for most games played in a season with 33 contests.

This year's club set seven team records and nine individual marks during the course of the season. It also tied four others, capping a successful campaign that saw the Seahawks perched near the top of the CAA standings all year long.

Kelly Mehrtens, director of athletics, is pictured at the 2008 CAA men's basketball tournament awards banquet in Richmond with senior forward Todd Hendley, who received the Dean Ehlers Leadership Award; T.J. Carter, who was named First-Team All-CAA and was a finalist for the V Foundation Comeback Award; Daniel Fountain; and Vladimir Kuljanin, who nabbed Second-Team honors. Darion Jeralds, pictured on page 6, was honored on the All-Academic team.

UNCW women's basketball head coach Ann Hancock, junior forward Sahsha Taylor, director of athletics Kelly Mehrtens and freshman forward Brittany Blackwell pose at the CAA post-season awards banquet. Blackwell was the CAA Rookie of the Year and received Second-Team and All-Rookie Team accolades. Taylor was a Third-Team selection. Senior guard Stephanie Fernald, not pictured, was named to the All-Academic Team.

$1 million gift funds academic center

Eshelman

A $1 million gift from Fred Eshelman will support construction of a new academic center for student-athletes.

The funds will help the athletics department initiate plans for the building, which will house a computer lab, academic and study spaces, tutoring area, locker rooms and offices.

Eshelman is the founder of PPD, Inc., a leading global contract research organization working with pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, academic and government organizations.

"With a dedicated academic center, UNCW will be well positioned for continued success in recruiting and graduating true student-athletes who are determined to excel in every aspect of their collegiate experience," Kelly Mehrtens, director of athletics.

10 questions for Kelly Mehrtens

Q. How would you assess your first few months as UNCW's new athletic director?

A. The first seven months have been very good. I've experienced many great things in my short time here and have been impressed with the passion of the people who are associated with the program, whether they're alums, donors, students or the Wilmington community at large. Everyone is very passionate and supportive of the program, and that's what makes it a special place for me. We are also fortunate to have a high quality group of student-athletes who understand and appreciate the opportunities they have been given. They truly want to excel, both academically and athletically.

Q. What is your highest priority as athletic director?

A. In addition to making the academic center a reality, one of my top priorities is relationship building. It's very important for me to get out into the Wilmington community and meet those who love the Seahawks. I want to build on our statewide reputation and push the Seahawk brand as an institution to attend if you want to achieve both academic and athletic success.

Q. What are your plans for the future of the program?

A. The proposed student-athlete academic center is very important for our future, and we are very appreciative to Dr. Fred Eshelman for his $1 million contribution toward the facility. The center will help us enhance the importance of academics and athletics and showcase what being a Seahawk is truly about. When parents come to visit, they will see a place that features computers, learning areas and locker rooms for their sons and daughters. Additionally, it's important for us to look at all of our sport programs and find ways that we can help our coaches be more successful. We would also like to increase the athletic scholarship endowment, so more programs can be fully funded.

Q. Who have been the role models in your life?

A. My mother, Zella Landry, and my godmother, Henrietta Swilley. My mom was always there, supporting me in everything I did. She always told me I could be whatever I wanted as long as I worked hard. She challenged me to give my all in everything I did and I would find success. She has always said life is about choices: you choose your state of mind, you choose to be happy, you choose to have a positive attitude. My godmother was the first African-American elected to the school board in Panama City, Fla. I learned a lot by watching and seeing everything she went through to get to that point in her career. She handled adversity with such grace and dignity.

Q. Who have helped to shape your career as an athletic administrator?

A. I've been extremely fortunate to work with some great athletic directors over the years and four in particular:

Jeanne Rowlands of Northeastern, Dave Maggard of Miami, Ron Gunther of Illinois and Lew Perkins of Kansas. I've taken a little bit from each of them as I've developed my own style. There have been times where I've sat in meetings and used their insight or knowledge to address a situation or problem.

Q. What is the athletic department's most critical need?

A. Resources. Resources take many shapes. They can be financial resources, human resources or physical resources.

Q. Do you have any plans to add or drop any sport programs in the future?

A. We don't have any plans right now to drop or add any sports. We want to take a look at all 19 intercollegiate sports that we have and see what we can do to help our coaches and student-athletes be more successful.

Q. What is the athletic department's best kept secret?

A. I think it's what our student-athletes are involved in away from their respective sports. For instance, we had two women's soccer players spend time in Africa last summer working with children who have AIDS. We had one of our men's basketball players spend time in South America and Taiwan working with Athletes In Action. We've had several teams help with the Woodlot Project, chopping wood for those who need firewood during the winter months. There are often stories that folks outside the department don't always see.

Q. How would you describe the staff and coaches in the department?

A. We have a dedicated staff that works long and hard. They work to enhance the experience of our student-athletes, and many are longtime employees who have a great deal of pride and passion for what they do. Many times, they go overlooked, but I appreciate them and the work they do. We also have great coaches who really need the tools to succeed. Part of my job is to give them the necessary tools to accomplish that.

Q. What do you do to relax?

A. I enjoy reading, especially motivational books. I also like to work out and keep in shape.

Left to right: Calvin Lane, Sandy Dew, Christy Timbers Rife, Michael McDuffie

Four inducted to Athletics Hall of Fame

Baseball sparkplug **Sandy Dew '69**, coaching veteran **Calvin Lane**, men's track and field leaper **Michael McDuffie '88** and women's soccer scoring phenom **Christy Timbers Rife '00** were inducted into the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame in February.

Dew played centerfield for the Seahawks from 1966-69 and batted over .300 three times. He led the team in stolen bases and runs scored every season and was named the team's MVP when the Seahawks won the NAIA District 26 championship in 1967. A two-time All-District 26 selection, he was an NAIA Honorable Mention All-America and signed with the Cleveland Indians following graduation. Dew wound up his career with 137 hits, 96 runs scored and 30 stolen bases. He is tied for second all-time with 10 triples. Dew joins his father, Eugene, as the only father-son inductees in the membership. The elder Dew was a member of the 1999 class.

Lane headed up UNCW's successful men's soccer program from 1971-85 and the emerging men's golf team from 1987-99. In 15 years at the helm, he coached the soccer team to a 129-94-19 record, including 10 winning seasons. In 1980, the Seahawks went 14-2 and collected the program's first national ranking. Lane stepped down from the men's soccer position for a brief retirement before being lured back on campus to take over the men's golf program in 1987. In 13 seasons with the Seahawk golfers, Lane's teams captured nine tournament championships and five runner-up finishes in the CAA.

McDuffie established long jump and triple jump records during his four-year stint with the Seahawks. He still holds the indoor (51-3¾) and outdoor (52-½) triple jump records. He won the CAA championship in triple jump in 1996, 1997 and 1998. In 1997, he became UNCW's first participant in the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, just missing All-American honors. He was runner-up in the triple jump at the 1995 Penn Relays and captured the title in 1997. One year later, he posted a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships. When it was all over, McDuffie collected seven All-East designations.

Rife set the standard for student-athletes in the women's soccer program. She started every game during her four-year career and still holds the school record for most games played with 81 career appearances. A two-time Team MVP, Rife found the net 53 times for the Seahawks and scored a career-best 19 goals during her junior campaign. She still owns nine club records, and in 1998 and 1999 was named to the NSCAA/addidas All-Southeast Team and was honored by *Soccer Buzz* magazine. A four-time CAA Scholar-Athlete, Rife was a regular on the Dean's List and was named to the NSCAA's Scholar-Athlete squad in 1998 and 1999. In her senior year, she won the Chancellor's Cup Award for Academic Excellence with a cumulative GPA of 3.651.

a new taste for green

The university is developing a natural resources management plan, with a special focus on 140 acres of longleaf pine forest. Trustee Wendy Murphy '93 and her husband Dell donated the use of a helicopter for aerial photography of campus.

THE LATEST SCOOP ON SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

Perhaps it's because of the ever escalating price of a gallon of gasoline. Maybe it's the result of the information revolution – with news media, the cinema and Internet vividly demonstrating that individual consumers are global citizens whose actions have far-reaching effects on our planet and its inhabitants. It could be the culmination of decades of effort by groups and individuals to raise awareness and change behavior. To whatever the change may be attributed, **there is definitely a renewed emphasis on green on campus.**

by Brenda Riegel

"Sustainability isn't new," said Stan Harts, UNCW director of environmental health and safety and co-chair of the university's sustainability committee. "But we've now reached the tipping point – at UNCW, nationally and internationally."

"The Tipping Point is the moment of critical mass, the threshold, the boiling point," writes Malcolm Gladwell in his book of the same name. Gladwell contends that little changes can have big – even radical – effects, resulting in contagious behavior that suddenly spreads like an epidemic.

Sustainability is gaining momentum, and it isn't just about the environment. Harts emphasizes that the sustainability movement at UNCW and around the world encompasses environmental, economic and ethical issues.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo agrees. "Sustainability is not a new concept at UNCW. For years, we have worked diligently to reduce energy and water consumption, with energy conservation as our primary focus. Now we must implement sustainable practices in all facets of campus life."

To encourage implementation of sustainable practices, Chancellor DePaolo established the UNCW Sustainability Committee, which is co-chaired by Harts and Diane Reed, assistant director of the Career Center.

Since its formation in fall 2007, the committee has chronicled recent sustainability efforts and prioritized ongoing initiatives. The members now are working to facilitate full implementation of identified initiatives.

One of the outcomes of the committee's early work was the realization that, although many sustainable practices already exist on campus, these practices are not universally known. One of the ways the committee is working to increase awareness is a Web site, www.uncw.edu/sustainability/.

"We want to educate the UNCW community first, and then we hope to branch out to the broader community," said Reed.

Members also are working to educate incoming freshmen at orientation and through peer educator groups. As the peer educator efforts progress, UNCW students hope to take their message to New Hanover County Schools students, according to Reed. "We have so many passionate students. They're taking the lead on many initiatives," she said.

The Sustainability Committee, comprised of students, faculty and staff, also includes several subcommittees targeting areas such as waste reduction and recycling, academics and culture and green buildings and energy. The committee is actively seeking participation from the campus at large in the subcommittees. Reed said the committee also would welcome input from alumni because the committee recognizes not only the devotion alumni have for UNCW, but also that alumni may have expertise and ideas that could benefit the university. Alumni who wish to offer input may contact Reed at reedd@uncw.edu.

In February, Chancellor DePaolo established a new subcommittee to conduct an inventory of UNCW's natural resources and recommend highest and best use guidelines for specific natural communities on university-owned properties. This includes the 140-acre tract of longleaf pines on the main campus.

Along with university practices and initiatives, the Sustainability Committee also encourages personal responsibility. The Web site offers tips for living a more sustainable life. A recent one suggests having all items you order by phone or online held and shipped together, rather than as soon as available. This small change can decrease the amount of energy consumed and emissions released during shipping and delivery.

"It takes individuals at home and in the workplace making daily decisions to be sustainable in their choices and actions. Choosing to order recycled paper for copiers and printers even if it costs a

Student Shannon Bourne used eco-friendly solvents to clean the copper plate shown here.

bit more, turning off computers when not in use and lights in unoccupied rooms, making two-sided copies, taking shorter showers and recycling whenever possible. All these actions add up," said Harts.

Don Furst, chair of the art and art history department, made the decision to use more environmentally-friendly cleaners in the printmaking lab. "When we clean inks or coatings from our copper plates, we use products like cooking oil, a soy- and corn oil-based solvent, Simple Green and Joy dish detergent. Safer materials have largely replaced more toxic solvents we used previously, such as paint thinner, turpentine or lacquer thinner," he said.

While the university was closed for winter break, heating and cooling was limited in a number of buildings on campus to lower energy costs. "While this created an inconvenience for some who planned to work during the holidays, it proved to be beneficial for the campus. Energy savings of more than $15,400 were realized during this short period," said Tom Freshwater, physical plant director.

"Green is gold" was the theme of Business Week 2008. The annual Cameron School of Business event highlighted the way green practices are evolving into new lines of business in today's economy.

iPrint is a campus-wide 24-hour access printing program. Students receive a set amount of free prints each semester and can print at 31 locations across campus. After the free prints are used, students pay for each print made. In its first year, iPrint reduced wasteful printing by nearly 2,000,000 pages, saving an estimated 200 trees.

Taken singly these choices may seem small. However, the cumulative effect of hundreds or even millions of people making these changes can tip the scales toward a more sustainable future for everyone.

SGA hosts sustainability conference

The Student Government Association hosted the inaugural Carolina Collegiate Conference on Sustainability April 5. The conference focused on ways for students to help their campuses and communities become more sustainable. "The goal of the breakout sessions," said Megan Jelley, sustainability conference chair, "was to educate students about all the dimensions of sustainability. With three track sessions covering each of the three Es (environment, equity and economy), students developed a better understanding of ways to implement sustainable practices in their own lives."

The conference featured Debra Rowe, president of the U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development, as the keynote speaker. Rowe has worked with university leaders for 20 years to integrate the idea of sustainability into all levels of formal education.

Growing green: building new residence halls and a parking deck

"The growth of our university will impact our campus, but growth and sustainability are not mutually exclusive."

- Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo
Feb. 26, 2008

Research shows that students who live on campus have higher grade point averages, are more involved in campus life, feel a stronger connection to the university and are more likely to remain enrolled until their degrees are completed. UNCW aims to provide on-campus housing for about 40 percent of the student body. To meet that goal, the third phase of the university's privatized housing project will begin construction in May.

Phase III will include four three-story buildings housing 662 students as well as a four-level parking garage. While clearing approximately 13 acres of pines is necessary to complete the project, Phase III will incorporate three major innovations that will result in significantly less environmental impact.

The storm water retention system will be in storage tanks under the lawns between the buildings rather than in a large detention pond that would require the clearing of additional acreage. This underground filtration system also will improve the quality and quantity of storm water runoff.

Parking for residents of these buildings, as well as for faculty, staff and visitors, will be in a four-level garage rather than in surface parking lots. The garage will result in 75 percent less impervious paving space, which reduces storm water runoff and land usage.

The buildings and garage are being designed with green building features and will be registered with the U.S. Green Building Council for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The LEED rating system is the nationally accepted standard for design, construction and operation of green buildings. According the council's Web site, "LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality."

LEED certification offers third-party verification of a building's sustainability features.

Exterior light fixtures with energy efficient fluorescent bulbs were added as part of the Burney Center renovations.

PHASE III INCLUDES THESE FEATURES:

- Approximately 100 covered bicycle parking spaces will promote alternative transportation.
- Five percent of parking spaces will be set aside for low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles.
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures and high-efficiency washing machines will reduce water usage by 30 percent.
- A high-efficiency lawn irrigation system will reduce water usage by 50 percent.
- The energy-efficient heating and air system will use refrigerants formulated to minimize ozone depletion.
- Energy-efficient light fixtures with automatic controls and utilization of day lighting in 75 percent of spaces to reduce demands on artificial lighting will reduce energy consumption.
- Recycled content and locally manufactured materials will make up at least 20 percent of the material used in the construction of the building.
- More than 50 percent of construction waste will be recycled in lieu of being deposited in landfills.

Flavor of the day: sustainable initiatives

Did you know it takes an average of 3.5 gallons of water and 1.5 kilowatts of energy to wash each tray used in Wagoner Dining Hall?

Because of the drought, Campus Dining began a "Go Trayless" campaign. Students have responded so positively, according to marketing coordinator Melissa Apperson, "that we have eliminated all trays in Wagoner Dining Hall and the Hawk's Nest. That's a substantial reduction in the impact on our region's resources."

Campus Dining is also working to reduce in other ways. Bio-pak take-out containers were implemented at Wagoner Dining Hall in fall 2007, replacing the previous plastic and Styrofoam containers. Bio-pak containers are 96 percent paper, a renewable natural resource that can be composted and recycled. The raw materials used to produce the containers are managed closely; for each tree used, another is planted.

"We recognize the need for social and environmental responsibility toward farm workers, our customers and our communities. That's why we implemented the Fair Trade coffee program on campus," said Apperson. Fair Trade practices aim to provide fair prices for products and promote improved social and environmental sustainability in developing countries. Fair Trade coffee is sold at Fair Trade Market, Java City at Randall Library and seasonally at Einstein Bros. Bagels. Additionally, at the request of student and community activists, the coffee at Fair Trade Market is roasted and then sold to the university by a local business, Folks Café.

And have you ever wondered what happens to the leftovers? Every week, Campus Dining donates unused food to the Good Shepherd Center. The center serves more than 100,000 meals to hungry men, women and children in Wilmington each year.

Recycling makes tons of progress

Although UNCW's recycling staff is small, one part-time and two full-time employees, the amount of materials it handles each year is staggering.

In 2006-07, the university increased the amount of material recycled from 233 tons to 599 tons, an increase of 260 percent, while the amount of solid waste removed from campus to landfills decreased from 12,462 tons to 7,723 tons, a reduction of 62 percent.

Ten tons of cardboard is recycled every week; seven tons of glass, plastic bottles, paper and aluminum, tin and steel cans each month.

Extra efforts are made during Move-In when students are unpacking boxes plus new items like computers. Plans call for a move-out campaign as well.

"We have had nothing but positive responses from students, faculty and staff and can barely keep up with the materials this campus is recycling," said Kathleen Miller, recycling crew leader.

Student Affairs raises sustainability awareness

The "Galloway Goes Green" campaign, educated students on how individual lifestyles and choices affect the environment. An upcoming light bulb exchange will allow residents to trade a traditional bulb for a more efficient compact fluorescent one.

The "Tunnel of Awareness" is an annual initiative sponsored by student affairs that addresses the third E of sustainability: equity. During the event, small groups of students move through a tunnel that consists of several rooms. In each room, students encounter skits, videos and other educational materials about issues ranging from domestic violence to discrimination, body image and poverty. After students make their way through the tunnel, student affairs and counseling center staff members lead discussions about what the students have just experienced. According to Nic Troutman, assistant director of residence life, some students become very emotional. He said, "This is a powerful way to demonstrate to students things that may be affecting their classmates on a daily basis."

to form a more perfect union . . . .

by Andrea Weaver

The University Union, affectionately known among alumni and students as UNCW's "living room," underwent an extreme makeover and reopened, along with the renovated Burney Center, on March 27. At that time, Herb Fisher '53 gave UNCW $1 million to support the union's programs. The gift honors his family, and the building is now the **Fisher University Union**.

What's new at the U?

- A new name and an endowment to support programs for students.
- The Town Hall – the brick courtyard has been enclosed into a soaring space defined by classic archways and enormous, teal columns.
- A better nest – the Hawk's Nest features a smorgasbord of choices from wood-fired pizzas, Asian and Mexican cuisine, national brands like Chic-fil-A and Quizno's, and the Varsity Grill, a retro section inspired by alumnus Herb Fisher's original Varsity, a soda shop and grill that served as the unofficial student center for many years.
- A student media suite outfitted with high-tech equipment for publication design and video production.
- The Ann Flack Boseman Gallery, named for a legendary supporter of UNCW by donors Mark Griffis and Dave Robertson, provides space for showcasing outstanding artwork by students and others.
- More copiers and storage area at Ditto's, the campus copy center, and space specifically designed for the campus post office – centrally located off the Town Hall.
- A convenience store, an ice cream shop, a technology center and a travel center make the new Union a multi-service stop for students.

Connections: The colonnades

The UNCW Parents Council provided funding for the colonnade that connects Burney and the Fisher Center.

Burney Center: Better than ever!

The Burney Center, former home to the UNCW Bookstore, is now a wide-open ballroom that converts into three large meeting areas. Student sculpture decorates the lobby, and the ballroom, at full capacity, can seat 1,000, compared to 600 at the Warwick Center.

Sustaining the future

The Union and Burney contain a variety of measures to conserve energy and natural resources, including specialized lighting and hot water heaters that operate on demand only. For more information about sustainability efforts at UNCW, see the article on page 12.

The Varsity Grill, a replica of the original eating establishment operated by Herb Fisher, is one of several dining choices available in the renovated Hawk's Nest in the Fisher University Union.

ABOVE: Marine Gunnery Sergeant Scott Moore waits for the tolling of the clock tower with members of the UNCW Student Veteran's Organization as students, faculty, staff and community members gathered on the UNCW campus for a Veteran's Day celebration and remembrance.

ABOVE RIGHT Sophomore Danielle Cray and her mother Carol are greeted by Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo after she received the first military dependents scholarship during the veteran's reception hosted by faculty and staff as part of UNCWelcome 2007

RIGHT: Shelly Hernandez, enrollment services coordinator at MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River, works with Lance Corporals Joseph Donato (center) and Kelvin Espinal (right) at UNCW's New River extension office

Celebrating our American heroes:

UNCW supports the military one student at a time

by Joy Davis '07

The alarm ringing in his ears, Gunnery Sgt. Scott Vanderwerf stumbles out of bed before dawn. Grabbing his breakfast, he kisses his wife as she dresses their four children before he races out the door for Camp Lejeune.

Following a full work day, he battles rush hour traffic to see his family before his one-and-a-half hour commute to the UNCW main campus. After three hours of class, he arrives home, exhausted, to find his children asleep and prepares for another hectic day.

This UNCW hero has been pursuing an elementary education degree for more than a decade.

Like most military, Vanderwerf notes this type of juggling routine "has just become a natural part of life." Service members and dependants often experience numerous transfers and deployments during their careers, making a college degree seem like an unattainable dream.

Retired Navy chief petty officer and mother of two Tamie Bryan '08M noted, "There were certain times in my career when I just could not go to school because of my job. I actually wrote a disclaimer on my UNCW application because I did my undergrad at seven different schools."

Since its infancy, UNCW has been committed to making a college education a reality for military like Bryan and Vanderwerf. When the university opened as Wilmington College in 1947, it was in direct response to the needs of veterans in post-World War II America. That first year, 75 of the college's students and faculty members were veterans, and 60 years later, UNCW's military investment continues to grow.

Active-duty students like Vanderwerf, military retirees like Bryan, spouses like University College program assistant Kelly Moore and veterans like Chancellor Emeritus James R. Leutze all share UNCW's rich military history.

"Veterans are a vital part of our university identity. Their unique experiences enable them to contribute insights and leadership that is irreplaceable," said Elaine Hogan, University College academic advisor and military advocate.

On admissions applications, more than 300 current UNCW main campus students identified themselves as veterans, but Hogan noted, "This data does not reflect the significant amount of our campus connected to the military. It is easy to track the number of students at UNCW who are using military benefits to attend, but difficult to maintain an accurate count of the numerous affiliates not included in that number."

Because adjusting to university life can be especially challenging for this diverse group, UNCW focuses on sustaining social support systems like the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) in conjunction with maintaining strategic academic advising and financial aid counseling.

The SVO provides a positive environment for academic assistance and social interaction to a population that can often feel isolated. Founder and Marine Corps Capt. Ernie Kniffen said, "It feels great to see new transfer students at a meeting realize they are both spouses of deployed military and exchange information. That is the purpose of this organization."

Such support goes beyond formal organizations like the SVO. Moore, who has moved nine times in 18 years of marriage to a Marine, said, "My office has been so supportive during my husband's deployment. I have a 9-year-old, and he comes first. They understand that. They have even given me care packages to send to the troops."

Outside the main campus, UNCW creatively serves military bases in Onslow and surrounding counties in numerous ways. Examples include the Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies' "Train the Trainer," in which faculty educate hundreds of local Marine instructors on effective teaching methods, and Camp Special Time, a program through which UNCW School of Nursing and recreational therapy students provide respite care to military families with special needs children.

Nearly 16,000 military affiliates live in the Onslow area. Because traveling to the main campus can be an overwhelming obstacle for many active duty members and spouses, UNCW established the Onslow Extension Program (EP) office at Coastal Carolina Community College in 1995. Aimed at providing more accessible four-year degrees for neighboring counties, the program now includes two on-base locations at Marine Corps Air Station New River and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

"We participate in joint planning, all for the benefit of our military," said Beth Barton, UNCW military liaison and EP director. "The seamless partnership we have has been praised by Erskine Bowles (University of North Carolina system president) and become a model for other UNC schools," she said.

Veteran uses Master's in Social Work to help others fight personal battles

As a hospital corpsman on the war-torn Middle Eastern front line, Chief Petty Officer Tamie Bryan '08M struggled through 110 degree heat to save lives in a dirt-floored operating room. Now, thanks to the UNCW Master of Social Work (MSW) program, she is rescuing comrades in a new way – this time in her own backyard, at Marine Corps Air Station New River Family Services Center.

"When I returned from Iraq and retired from the Navy, I decided that the experiences I had gained from the Navy could still be of value to others. UNCW's MSW program is an ideal fit for me."

MSW students complete 900 required practicum hours at a field placement tailored to their professional interests. Bryan, featured in CNN's special Iraq medical documentary "Devil Docs," is one of five MSW student interns currently answering the need for social assistance on Jacksonville bases.

"MSW students are an amazing resource here. Currently, the on-base client-to-counselor ratio is 70 to 1, and it needs to be half that," said Beth Barton, UNCW military liaison, extension program director and psychology lecturer.

Jeanne Denny, Department of Social Work lecturer and director of field education, noted, "After being immersed in a life of combat, military families can struggle to adjust to 'normal' civilian life and deal with substance abuse, post traumatic stress disorder, marital issues and more.

"All of our military placements are so passionate. And, what they learn is universally marketable and valuable to whatever population they choose to work with."

Bryan said, "I am glad UNCW is recognizing the need out there.

"It is amazing to be on the other side helping military families. My hope is that I can keep helping them deal with the stress and sacrifices known only too well by them and those around them."

Currently serving nearly 400 students with four bachelor's and two master's offerings, the EP enables many to earn a degree guided by UNCW professors without stepping foot in New Hanover County. Demand-driven degree options are targeted at meeting local workforce needs, including elementary education and nursing, with additional programs in social work and business to begin in 2008.

"I don't think there is another collaboration like this in the state," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said. "As the bases grow, our involvement must grow as well, and we are ready for that."

Vanderwerf, who also takes classes via the EP, noted, "Having access to classes so close to home has been a lifesaver. It is clear the university is actively meeting our needs."

In 2007, UNCW established the Military Advisory Board and the Military Task Force. Under the leadership of Johnson Akinleye, associate vice chancellor for academic programs, the board aims to create the most powerful learning experience for UNCW active and former military service personnel by advancing links to military commands and connections among on-campus military supporters, with initiatives like the annual military welcome reception.

The task force, according to chair Barton, is "specifically charged with developing a network of military personnel, to advocate for their needs and to promote a high level of awareness about what our military does for our region and our world." Numerous military surveys, focus groups and personal interviews conducted by the university help inform task force representatives from various UNCW schools and student support offices.

"We want to do everything in our power to serve our military," said Barton.

For service members like Vanderwerf, this deep commitment is an opportunity for a new life.

"This degree is about more than gaining a piece of paper," said Vanderwerf. "I will retire when I am 39, and after years of crazy schedules and deployments, I will be able to have a second career because of UNCW. I will be able to live my dream of teaching and sharing the summers with my family. I can't wait."

For more information on UNCW's military connections, visit **www.uncw.edu/stuaff/doso/commuternontrad-military.htm.**

Department of Music receives noteworthy gift

With a $1 million contribution from an anonymous donor, the UNCW Department of Music is hitting high notes for scholarships and program support.

"The impact of this gift mainly will be felt in scholarship support for music students," said Frank Bongiorno, chair of the music department. "We will be able to provide four times the scholarship support for students with this gift than we can with our current scholarships. The more scholarships we offer, the more competitive we are in attracting the best and brightest students."

GENEROSITY

by Andrea Weaver

The endowment also provides funds for other music department expenses, such as recruiting guest artists and maintaining performance and practice spaces. The university has named the Beckwith Recital Hall, the state-of-the-art music performance venue in the Cultural Arts Building, in recognition of the gift.

Music student Geoff Gillikin performs during the inaugural concert in the Beckwith Recital Hall.

$400,000 grant supports nursing initiative

The N.C. GlaxoSmithKline Foundation granted $400,000 over three years to the UNCW School of Nursing to support the expansion of a nursing and health academy, including the successful and growing Camp BONES program.

Camp BONES, or Brigade of Nurse Exploring Seahawks, is a nursing and health program for underrepresented populations of middle and high school students, including racial/ethnic minorities and males, in southeastern North Carolina who have expressed an interest in a nursing or health sciences career. The intensive four-year program uses hands-on, real-world experiences to prepare students to enter nursing school and, eventually, to meet the diverse health care needs of the state. Launched in 2006, the program now has two cohorts of students.

The grant will provide funds for the School of Nursing to expand Camp BONES at UNCW and to collaborate with Winston-Salem State University to replicate the program in Forsyth and surrounding counties.

Willie Stargell Scholarship to benefit nursing students

The Willie Stargell Foundation created an endowed merit scholarship to benefit nursing students who plan to specialize in the treatment of patients with kidney disease or patients on dialysis.

The scholarship honors the memory of the legendary Willie "Pops" Stargell, a star baseball player with the Pittsburgh Pirates. His leadership helped the team win two World Championships in 1971 and 1979, with Stargell earning National League and World Series Most Valuable Player awards in 1979. A member of the baseball Hall of Fame, Stargell died of kidney disease in 2001. His wife, Margaret Weller-Stargell, created the Wilmington-based foundation to support kidney disease research and treatment.

"The Willie Stargell Foundation hosts an annual golf event to raise money to assist patients living with kidney disease and to support the efforts of healthcare providers specifically working with renal patients. It is important to begin these efforts on the front end. What better way to begin than by making sure nursing students are sufficiently prepared to work with and understand the complexities of medical care needed for a person on dialysis," said Weller-Stargell, a member of the UNCW Foundation Board of Directors and a former member of the School of Nursing Advocate Board.

Alumni Association honors award winners

UNCW HOMECOMING

Alumni of the Year

Herbert '53 and Sylvia Fisher '50

I never dreamed 55 years ago, when I was attending Wilmington College, that something like this would happen to us. We feel honored to be able to do what we've done for our school. We would do it all over again. – Herb Fisher

The Fishers created a $2 million endowment in 2006 to support programs and services in the Fisher Student Center. Their gift is the largest outright contribution from individual donors in UNCW history. In 2007, they provided significant support to renovate and name the Herbert Fisher Field House, home base for the UNCW baseball team. The Fishers attended Wilmington College, and Sylvia was the college's first Homecoming Queen. Herb operated the Varsity, a pharmacy, grill and soda shop, a block away from the college's original location. It served as the unofficial student center for a number of years.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo: "I am very grateful to Herb and Sylvia for demonstrating the true meaning of the UNCW experience. They have lived it, and they have shown all of us the joy of giving back."

Ty Rowell

Bill Meyew

Want to nominate someone for the 2009 awards?
Contact the Alumni Relations Office at 800.596.2880, 910.962.2683 or alumni@uncw.edu for more information.

2008

Herb and Sylvia Fisher

Chancellor DePaolo

Citizen of the Year

M. Tyrone "Ty" Rowell

The greatest benefit of my work is to have been associated with some of the university's founders... We cannot forget their contributions to Wilmington College and the University of North Carolina Wilmington. – Ty Rowell

Assistant to the chancellor for special projects at UNCW, Rowell joined the staff at UNCW in 1974 as a development director and, over the next 30 years, held several fundraising leadership positions on campus, including senior associate vice chancellor for university advancement. He directed a successful $25 million capital campaign, co-directed campaigns to construct and air condition Trask Coliseum, co-directed two successful education bond referendum projects on the university's behalf, and participated in founding the UNCW Alumni Association and annual giving programs.

Chancellor DePaolo: "For more than 30 years, Ty has been wherever UNCW needed him the most: on the front lines, behind the scenes and everywhere in between. UNCW would not be where it is today without him."

Young Alumnus of the Year

William J. "Bill" Mayew '97, '98M

I am honored to be recognized with Ty Rowell and the Fishers. They embody dedication and generosity. I'm here because of people like them. My goal is to put myself into the position to give back to UNCW and to open doors for someone else. – Bill Mayew

Bill, an outstanding student-athlete, led the men's basketball team to great success during his years on the court. His number 35 jersey was retired in 1997 and, in 2006, he was inducted into the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accountancy from the Cameron School of Business. He obtained a doctorate in financial accounting from the McCombs School of Business Administration at the University of Texas at Austin in 2006, graduating first in his class. He is now an assistant professor of accounting at the Duke University Fuqua School of Business.

Chancellor DePaolo: "You are a wonderful example of our young alumni. Bright and determined, you settle for nothing less than excellence."

AAGA

Denis G. Carter

Eighty-eight alumni and friends gathered Homecoming night to pay tribute to Denis G. Carter, a retired faculty member from the Cameron School of Business. The Homecoming Legacy Scholarship Dance benefited the new scholarship established in Carter's honor. Enoch Hasberry '98, chapter president, helped to emcee the event which featured entertainment by The Four Knights. The chapter will help execute Senior Sankofa on May 9, celebrating the tradition of students of color graduating from their lives at UNCW to their new careers.

Cameron School of Business

David Cole '72, David Congdon '78 and Herb McKim Jr. '85M were honored as Outstanding Alumni of the Year during the Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter mixer, held during Business Week in February.

Cole, chairman and CEO of The Warranty Group, is responsible for the company's business worldwide, including TWG Home Warranty Services Inc., TWG Innovative Solutions and Resource Automotive, as well as The Warranty Group's domestic and international underwriting arms, Virginia Surety Company Inc. (VSC) and London General Insurance (LGI).

Congdon was named chief executive officer of Old Dominion Freight Line Inc. in January. He had been president and chief operating officer since May 1997 and has been a member of the board of directors since 1978.

McKim established the engineering, surveying and planning firm of McKim & Creed in 1978 with his colleague Michael W. Creed. He has played a pivotal role in helping the firm expand from a two-person structural engineering firm to a multi-state, multidisciplinary consultancy that has been ranked among the top engineering and design firms in the United States by *Engineering News-Record*, *Public Works* and *Southeast Construction* magazines.

William Mayew '97, '98M, a Cameron School of Business alumnus, was honored as the alumni association's Young Alumnus of the Year (see story on page 23).

Cape Fear

Alumni living in the Cape Fear/Wilmington area who are interested in becoming involved in or attending local alumni chapter events are invited to contact the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682 for more information.

Charlotte Area

Alumni living in the Charlotte area who are interested in becoming involved in or attending local alumni chapter events are invited to contact the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682 for more information.

Communication Studies

Communication Studies Day was held March 28 and featured two alumni panel discussions and a social for students, faculty and alumni. Participating alumni included Joy C. Davis '07, Hayley Galloway '05, Calvert Kelsey '06, Sandie Sue '04, Evan Vetter '03, Adam Webb '07, Justin West '05, Debra Worley '07, Chad Clark '07, Megan Coffren '05, Jonathan Guggenheim '04, Kelli G. Matthews '04, Steven M. Nelson '06, Justin Queen '04, Molly Seidler '05 and Tiffany Taylor '05. Chapter leader Steve Nelson '06 is looking for alumni to assist with events planned for the spring and summer. More information can be obtained by contacting the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682.

Crew Club

Current Crew Club members and alumni gathered March 15 for their annual spring reunion which featured a rowing social and a dinner at the Wise Alumni House. More information on the Crew Club alumni chapter can be obtained by contacting the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682.

Greater Greensboro Area

Alumni living in the Greensboro/Triad area who are interested in becoming involved in or attending local alumni chapter events are invited to contact the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682 for more information.

Triangle

More than 40 alumni living in the Triangle area attended two alumni socials just prior to the holidays in Cary and in Raleigh. Alumni and their guests talked about redirecting chapter efforts to reach out to the more than 7,000 alumni living in the area. Chapter leader Matt Glova '07 will be working with the alumni relations office to plan more events this year. Triangle-area alumni are invited to contact the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682 to find out how they can become involved.

Watson School of Education

Watson School of Education alumni are invited to the next chapter meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 15, in the Alumni Lounge of the Education Building. A light supper will be followed by discussion of chapter plans for summer and fall. The Watson School of Education Endowment Scholarship, which was established in the spring of 2006, grew by approximately 18 percent last year. Chapter leader Jeanne Harmon '01 encourages WSE alumni to show their support for the chapter by calling the alumni office at 910.962.2682.

About 300 alumni and friends attended the Homecoming 2008 Tealgate celebration under the tent outside Trask Coliseum prior to the men's basketball game against James Madison. The 'Hawks won, 99 to 85.

Jamie Moncrief

1960s

R. Bryan Padrick '66 was appointed to Transylvania Community Hospital's Board of Trustees.

1970s

Diana Kincannon '72 was a featured soloist for the traditional Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service at Old Bethel Church in Clarke County.

Robert B. Rehder '72 was named to the executive board of directors of the Neuse River Development Authority, a non-profit lender in New Bern specializing in business loans to a 10-county area in eastern North Carolina.

Ginger J. Tew '74 retired from the Sampson County School System after teaching for 33 years.

Eddie Dees '76 has been mayor of Hope Mills since 2005. He was the focus of the October 2007 Cape Fear Profile in the *Fayetteville Observer*'s article titled "Eddie Dees, a man and his lake."

Steven H. Everhart '76 is the Wilmington district manager for the N.C. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Division of Coastal Management. His wife, **Barbara Burris Everhart '75**, is a retired teacher.

Phyllis Williams '76, a special needs teacher at Dixon Middle School in Holly Ridge, was featured in the Nov. 8, 2007, edition of the *Topsail Advertiser*

Chris E. Fonvielle Jr. '78 published the book *Historic Wilmington and The Lower Cape Fear: An Illustrated History.*

Walter G. Hatch '78 was certified in computed tomography by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Angela H. Metts '79, '06M is the program director of Wilmington Early College High School.

Maurice R. Smith '79 was elected to the UNC School of Government Foundation's board of directors.

1980s

Jonathan H. Faill '80 works for the Healthcare Corporation of America as the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance program director and the international division construction manager. He is a Cub Scout leader and was elected to the Tennessee Democratic Party Executive Committee.

Nancy Woolwine '82 retired from New Hanover Regional Medical Center in April 2007.

Stewart Hobbs '83 is the superintendent of Stokes County Schools.

Eva Newkerk Lightner '75, '83M received her National Board Certification. She teaches in New Hanover County Schools.

Guy T. Neff '84 received his broker's license; he is employed by Network Real Estate.

Bradley J. Bruestle '85 was promoted to vice president and city executive for the Wilmington area with East Carolina Bank.

Martha Davis Wilkie '85 is a ninth through twelfth grade English and math inclusion teacher at J.F. Webb High School.

James Anderson '86 is group vice president of the Precision Metals, Plastic and Rubber Segments of NN Inc. in Johnson City, Tenn.

Bobby D. Reynolds '86 was inducted into the North Carolina American Legion Hall of Fame in March 2008.

Brian Tracy '86 is the primary care sales representative with Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc. He is also chairman of the Tower 7/WBLivesurf Scholarship to benefit the members of the UNCW Surfing Club.

Rebecca Best Falor '87 earned a master's degree in music education from Boston University.

William van der Meulen '87 earned a Master of Administration degree from Central Michigan University in December 2007 and was promoted to director of enrollment services at Nash Community College.

Jefferey Rogers '87 is a fourth grade math remediation teacher at Liberty Elementary School in Randolph County. He is pursuing a Master of Education at North Carolina A&T University.

Anita Conrad Benton '88 received her National Board Certification in adolescence and young adulthood/mathematics. She is a mathematics teacher with New Hanover County Schools.

Harry L. Brown '88 was selected as an international fellow with the International Foundation of Education and Self-Help in Scottsdale, Ariz. He will teach English as a foreign language at Universitaire de Djibouti, Africa.

Patrick "Jake" Jacobs '88 was named 2007-08 Principal of the Year for Johnston County Schools.

Maria L. Johnson '88 is the principal of Richlands High School in Jacksonville.

Dawn Brinkley Carter '89 is the director of development at Ridgecrolt School in Ahoskie.

Marcia V. Cline '89 was the winner of the 12th Annual Beach Book Cover Competition, sponsored by Dare County Arts Council.

1990s

Dr. **Thomas J. Beckett '90** joined the practice of Southport Internal Medicine.

Arthur C. Tillett '90 was named 2007-08 Dare County Schools Principal of the Year.

John A. Crumpton '91M is Lee County manager.

Ann Malys Wilson '91 was named Marine Educator of the Year by the South Carolina Marine Educators Association. She was recognized for her work leading the creation of education programs for schoolchildren and adults at Myrtle Beach State Park.

Kelly Andrews '92 is the principal at Lee Woodard Elementary in Black Creek, N.C.

Tracey Sterling Rogers '92 and her husband, Jared Brandt, are the owners of A Donkey and Goat Winery in Berkeley, Calif., featuring Rhone varietals and Chardonnay. Their Web site is www.adonkeyandgoat.com.

Jill Carter Swart '92 was 2006-07 Teacher of the Year at Union Elementary School in Shallotte.

Samuel J. Chinnis '92M is an instructor in global logistics at Guilford Technical Community College.

Jason S. Douglas '92 is employed by RE/MAX Preferred Associates of Raleigh.

Linda M. Nelms '92M, '96M is vice president of student services at Wayne Community College.

Dean T. Joyner '93 is the owner of Bargain Land in Roanoke Rapids, which sells fishing and hunting supplies.

Teresa Rodgers '93 is the transfer articulation administrator in the UNCW Registrar's Office.

Rick Civelli '94 is the founder of Surf Camp at Wrightsville Beach and is pursuing a master's degree in coastal geology at UNCW. He was featured in the July 9, 2007, issue of *Topsail Magazine*.

Jeff Gush '94 teaches a juggling gym class at Horseheads Middle School in New York. According to Gush, it helps teach the children hand-eye coordination, self-confidence and creativity while working both sides of the brain. He was featured in the Dec. 14, 2007, issue of the *Star-Gazette News*.

Jack B. Holley '94 is the head football coach at Wallace-Rose Hill.

Monty R. Pendry '94, a certified public accountant, is a partner with the Gibson & Company, PA.

Michael A. Ray '94 of Wake Forest is the Eastern Wake community executive with Crescent State Bank.

Kelly Werner '94 is the on-site agent for The Westin Raleigh Soleil Center Residences in Raleigh. She serves as a builder consultant and is responsible for on-site sales.

Brian D. McLarnon '95 was promoted to fleet technical advisor for SUN Oil Company's Delaware River Operations. He is responsible for the transfer of 900,000 barrels daily of petrochemical shipments along the Delaware River.

Chris Neal '95 is the head women's soccer coach at Elon University. He holds the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America "Premier" diploma and the U.S. Soccer Federation "A" License.

Denise Mullins White '95 earned her National Board Certification. She teaches at Dublin Elementary School.

James C. Williams '95 is an associate in the litigation section of Williams Mullen in Wilmington.

Rhonda E. Benton '96 was named Brunswick County School's 2007-08 Principal of the Year.

Chase T. Brockstedt '96 is a member of the Lewes, Del., office of Bifferato Gentilotti, LLC. His practice areas are complex personal injury, nursing home neglect, contract and business litigation and real estate/land use.

Karen Williams Burton '86, '96M is an AIG specialist and Title I facilitator for Pender County Schools. She is also a realtor/broker with Laney Real Estate in Burgaw.

Melissa C. Oliver '96 received her National Board Certification. She teaches at South Smithfield Elementary School in Smithfield.

Christopher J. Smith '96 is the environmental health supervisor for Pitt County.

Clint D. Williams '96 is the head boys' basketball coach at Midway High School in Cumberland County.

Douglas Burley '97 is the head football coach at Union High School in Clinton where he also coaches the softball team.

Gregory D. Little '97 graduated in May 2007 with an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is an assistant superintendent in the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District.

Claudia Mather Moote '97 is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Ocracoke School.

Heather Click Phelps '97 was named 2006-07 Teacher of the Year at Virginia Williamson Elementary School.

Aimee Paroz Bonar '98 received a Ph.D. in school psychology from Kent State University in August 2007. She is a school psychologist with the Trumbull County Education Service Center. Her second child, Grayson Garth, was born June 23, 2007.

Brennan Liming '98 was named one of two North Carolina Runners of the Year by bigfootrunning.com, a Web site dedicated to North Carolina trail and road running. Brennan has had a number of running victories including winning the Second Empire Grand Prix Running Series in Raleigh, the American Tobacco Trail 10 miler, the Battleship Half Marathon in Wilmington and the Inside Out Sports Turkey Trot 8K.

Dawn Niles Oswalt '98 obtained National Board Certification as a generalist for grades three through eight.

Yolanda A. Pridgen '98 is the program manager for childcare resource and referral with Sampson County Partnership for Children in Clinton.

Jamie Bond '99 is a personnel coordinator with Nease Personnel Services.

Rev. **Deirdre Hickox Britt '99** is the pastor at Hampstead United Methodist Church.

Wendy R. Cabral '99M, principal at North Duplin Elementary School, was named 2007 Duplin County Principal of the Year.

Michael E. Gray Jr. '99 is employed by Four Oaks Bank.

Cynthia Horrell Ramsey '99, '06M director of Isothermal Community College Polk Campus, has written a book titled *Boys of the Battleship*, a history of the World War II exploits of the *USS North Carolina* in the Pacific.

Alizdair Ray, the son of **Henry A. Ray '99** and his wife, Angela, was a winner of the *Broward Family Life*'s Cover Angels contest and was featured on the cover of the January 2008 issue.

Kristie Sawyer '99 received Platinum Quality Service Certification by Coldwell Banker Howard Perry and Walston. This certification signifies 100 percent client satisfaction within the previous year, as measured by Leading Research Corporation.

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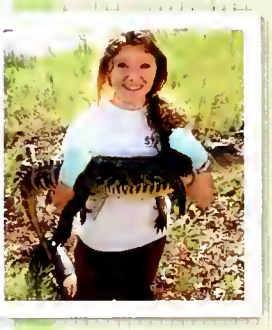
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2000s

Joan Buck '00 was named 2007-08 Teacher of the Year at Acme Delco Elementary School.

Sandy R. Pittman '00 was voted Teacher of the Year by her peers in the Orange County School System. For the past seven years, she has taught second grade at New Hope Elementary School.

Nathan Powell '00 is a senior equity analyst at RiskMetrics Group and lives in London.

Meg Gemmell Sperry '00 is a territory business manager with Bristol-Myers Squibb and resides in Pendleton, S.C.

Anne Clinard Barnhill '01 published a book titled *At Home in the Land of Oz, My Sister, Autism and Me.*

Clyde M. Crider Jr. '01M is the lead learning manager/talent development manager for Caterpillar's Building Construction Products Division in Cary.

Jennifer L. McLaurin '01M is the human resource director with Pender County Government.

Stefan Rest '01 owns an Internet-based business, which allows him to travel between his Puerto Rico and California offices.

Lloyd Willis '01 opened the Lander University's 2007-08 Distinguished Speaker Series sponsored by Lander's College of Arts and Humanities. His subject was taken from his soon-to-be-published book *Environmental Evasion: The Literary, Critical and Cultural Politics of Nature's Nation, 1823-1966.*

Karley A. Askew '02 is the circulation manager for Roanoke-Chowan Publications, which includes the *Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald, Gates County Index* and *Roanoke-Chowan Shopper.*

Charles C. Blanton '02 was appointed vice chair for youth of New Hanover Democratic Party in April 2007 and was elected president of the Young Democrats of New Hanover County in June 2007.

Jennifer Clifton Champion '02 was promoted to assistant vice president at First Citizens Bank in Raleigh.

Anthony Deninno '02 is president of Symmetry Event Solutions, a company that works on special events and experiential marketing initiatives in the U.S. and abroad. He is a volunteer and member of the board of directors of the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund.

Monica R. Duncan '02 is a human resource technician at the Guilford Technical Community College Jamestown Campus.

Christopher L. Grimes '02, a healthful living teacher in Wake County Public Schools, received a master's degree in physical education from North Carolina Central University in May 2007.

Genevieve M. Haviland '02 had a paper titled, "Recreational Boating Traffic: A Chronic Source of Anthropogenic Noise in the Wilmington, North Carolina Intercoastal Waterway" published in the July 2007 edition of *The Journal of Acoustical Society of America.*

John Mauser '02 had a series of wildlife photographs titled "Carolina in Photographs" exhibited at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

Terrance Murphy '02 passed Level III of the Chartered Financial Analyst Program in June 2007. He is a credit analyst with U.S. Bancorp in St. Louis, Mo.

Timothy D. Roney '02 was promoted to district manager for Citifinancial, a division of CitiGroup.

Holly E. Tripman '02 served as Cameron Art Museum's registrar, working with William Ivey Long and his assistants as they prepared the exhibit showcasing Long's costume designs.

Andrew J. Whittaker '02 graduated Aug. 31, 2007, from the U.S. Coast Guard Boatswain's Mate Class "A" School as a boatswain's mate third class.

Steven Bentsen '03M was appointed medical director of Evergreen P.A. and chief of clinical operations at Evergreen Behavioral Management Inc.

Benjamin E. Brown '03 is a staff writer with *The State Port Pilot.*

Kalin Carnahan Lane '03 appeared on TV's "Wheel of Fortune" game show on Dec. 28, 2007.

Kathleen Morrow '03 earned a Master of Science degree in kelp forest ecology from California State University Northridge in 2006. She is enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Auburn University where she is studying coral microbiology. She was also accepted as a National Science Foundation GK-12 fellow for the 2007-08 academic year.

Nick Sargent '03 is a sales agent with the Raleigh real estate division of Coldwell Banker Howard Perry and Walston.

Travis W. Brown '04 received a Master of Aquaculture degree from Auburn University and works with the Auburn's Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquaculture.

Heather L. Clark '04 graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Ashley Harp '04M joined the Athens, Ga., office of Jackson Spalding, a public relations and marketing company.

Cory Howard '04 and **Jonathan Guggenheim '04** have formed a local comedy duo known as The SuperKiids! They perform in the Wilmington area.

Michelle A. Johnston '04 completed a Master of Science degree in Environmental Health Sciences Department within the University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health in 2007. She was also awarded the Arnold School of Public Health's Outstanding Student of the Year Award in 2007. Her master's thesis titled, "Isolation of Fecal Coliform Bacteria from the American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*)," identified American alligator fecal coliform bacteria to determine if alligators could contribute to water quality degradation in the South Carolina coastal zone. She is continuing her studies as a doctoral student at USC after receiving the Arnold School of Public Health Fellowship, jointly funded by USC and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Ken Luck '04 is an assistant account executive with RLF Communications in Greensboro. He has a master's degree in communication studies with a concentration in public relations from UNC Charlotte.

Heather R. Mosier '04 is enrolled in the applied behavior analysis master's program at UNCW.

Crystal Nutly '04 transitioned from active military life in Connecticut to a Coast Guard reservist in North Carolina. She plans to pursue accounting positions in the civilian sector.

Karen E. Pait '04 is a graphic designer with *The Highlander* magazine.

Corinne E. Salefsky '04 won the title of Miss North Carolina International 2007.

Jessica Claflin '05 works in the education department of the Center for Birds of Prey in Awendaw, S.C. She trains and cares for residential birds and works with the director of education in presenting educational programs to the public.

Brian S. Collie '05 is the economic developer/county planner for Caswell County.

Joanne M. Gold '05 is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacology and Master of Business Administration at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C.

Kimi Faxon Hemingway '05M and **Ashley Talley '07M** were featured readers at reception and book-signing of the new anthology *Choice: True Stories of Birth, Contraception, Infertility, Adoption, Single Parenthood, and Abortion.*

Derek Huppmann '05 was commissioned on March 30, 2007, as second lieutenant following completion of the Officer Candidates School at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.

Lynn Ingram '05 published her first book, *Necessary Things*, a collection of creative non-fiction essays.

William A. Klinger '05 received a master's degree in public archaeology from the University of South Florida.

Stephanie McCarn '05 was one of three first-year teachers selected for Randolph County School's Beginning Teacher of Excellence Award

Megan Roberts '05 received an honorable mention in the 2007 N.C. State Short Story Contest, Brenda L. Smart Fiction Prize, for her short story "Corners." With her work "R Like Me," she was one of 10 finalists in the contest's short fiction competition. Her fiction has appeared in the online journal *971Menu*, and her poetry was published in the journal *Albatross*. She is pursuing a master's degree in creative writing at East Carolina University.

Candace Williams '07M teaches third grade at North Topsail Elementary. She was featured in the Nov. 21, 2007 issue of the *Topsail Advertiser.*

Katherine M. Buell '06 trained in Niger to become a community health education Peace Corps volunteer. She is now working to educate locals about better sanitation, nutrition and health practices, the transmission and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Bree Cottrell '06 is a paralegal with The DiLeone Law Group, PC in Raleigh.

Hannah Hayes '06 was named the Softball Coach of the Year in Lumberton.

Carl Kennedy '06 received a full scholarship to the University of Washington-Seattle graduate program that trains aspiring professional actors.

U.S. Army National Guard Spc. **Andrew R. Benton '07** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

The Lost Colony, a documentary by **Lisa Bertini '07M**, was shown at the 2007 Cucalorus Film Festival in Wilmington. The documentary reveals the life of a family in Crusoe Island, an area known for its suspicion of outsiders and subsistence living along the Waccamaw River.

Micaela Corlew '07 was crowned Miss Black Wilmington USA 2008 by the Miss Black NC USA organization.

Spc. **Philipp T. Eastman '07** graduated from Special Forces Candidate One-Station Unit Training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

Jennifer Griggs '07M is the Ocala Gainesville Media online director. She is in charge of the Star-Banner's online operations and serves as the *Gainesville Sun's* online director.

Jeffery Horowitz '07 plays center and power forward for Hapoel Holon in Israel's Premier League.

Marc W. Matalavage '07 took first place in the 43rd North Carolina Open, played in June 2007 at Raleigh Country Club.

Gregory M. Plow '07 professed vows to become a Franciscan Friar on July 20, 2007. On Aug. 11, 2007, he was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church.

Anna Raynor '07 was ranked third in the United States in the javelin throw by *Track and Field Magazine* in the final rankings of 2007. She achieved her ranking after winning the Penn Relays, finishing fourth at the NCAA Championships, third at the United States Track and Field Association Championships. Raynor is preparing for the Olympic Trials June 27-July 6 at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

Justin M. Williams '07 is training to become a community development volunteer with the Peace Corps.

Craig M. Woolard '07 performs with his father's band, Craig Woolard Band, in the Kinston area.

Weddings

Joel N. Ashley '91 and Angie T. Thompson on Sept. 23, 2007.

Kirsten Geiger '92 and Clement Michel on Sept. 29, 2007. The couple resides Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Lisa D. Pridgen '93 and Kenneth D. Rosser on May 19, 2007.

Gene T. Aman '94 and Kristel M. Tripp on Oct. 20, 2007.

Kevin L. Borum '94 and Heidi A. Sage on Oct. 6, 2007.

Shannon C. Davis '94 and **Brian E. Cruz '96** on April 14, 2007.

Lisa A. Digby '94 and Drake E. Fox on March 31, 2007.

Tara A. Howell '94 and Herbert L. Armwood on June 23, 2007.

Jennifer E. Jordan '94 and William T. McCuiston on May 26, 2007.

Robert A. Warlick '94 and Jessica N. Humphrey on Sept. 29, 2007.

A place to call their own

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Chuck and Maggie Amsler are pictured in a cove at Amsler Island, a 1.3 mile island in Antarctica named for them because of their extensive research on the southernmost continent. Bill Baker/University of South Florida

Charles D. Amsler '83M and wife **Margaret O. Amlser '83M** have made the journey of a lifetime together – five times!

Now when Chuck and Maggie return to Antarctica this spring, they will have an island to call their own.

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names, which pays tribute to scientists and explorers who have devoted their time and efforts to uncover the continent, recently honored the Amslers for their work in the area by naming an island after them.

Despite their near 30 years of focus in the area, the Amslers were both amazed and humbled by the honor.

The 1.3-mile-long Amsler Island lies between Loudwater Cove and Arthur Harbor near Anvers Island.

A marine algal ecophysiologist and chemical ecologist, Chuck is also an expert of Antarctic marcoalgae. He has been on 11 expeditions to Antarctica since his first trip in 1985.

Maggie was the pioneer of the family, however, making her first trip in 1979. Fifteen more expeditions followed for Maggie, an invertebrate zoologist with a focus on crustaceans.

Amsler Island was close to the couple's hearts long before it bore their name.

The couple was nearly always based at Palmer Station, a long-term ecological research study center, which was originally located on what is now Amsler Island. It has since moved to the nearby Anvers Island, where the couple traveled in February to continue their work in the chemical ecology of marine organisms.

Among UNCW's first graduate students in the biology program, Chuck and Maggie attribute part of their success to their time in Wilmington.

She is thankful for the opportunity the school gave her to make her second Antarctic trip. "We would not be here without that step in our lives." Maggie now utilizes her degree as a research associate in the Department of Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Chuck, now a professor in the same department, added, "What I learned at UNCW has helped me so many ways in my research and how I teach my students."

Inger Dickens '95 and Michael Singletary on Oct. 20, 2007.

Stephany S. Schutte '95 and James E. Graf on July 7, 2007. The couple resides in Leland.

Ashley L. Thompson '95 and Jenniler A. Hawkins on July 7, 2007.

Kent D. Vaughan '95 and Vera L. MacConnell on Nov. 3, 2007.

Todd D. Barbee '96 and Susanna C. Shetley on Aug. 4, 2007.

Elizabeth M. Adams '97 and Stephen G. Marchitello on May 6, 2007

Kia A. Hendrix '97 and Jon A. Countess on Dec. 9, 2006.

Gina Hight '97 and Thomas J. Sheridan on Sept. 22, 2007. Gina is the senior director of marketing and visual communications for the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority.

Mark D. Byington '98 and Christina M. Masters on May 18, 2007.

Martin K. Green III '98 and Mary C. Rouse on June 2, 2007.

Louis J. Scarpitti '98 and Lisa F. Lingle on Sept. 15, 2007.

Theodore J. Thornton '98 and **Laura R. Bailey '02** on June 23, 2007.

Kristen L. Ellegood '99 and Michael W. Shoffner on July 21, 2007.

Kristin M. Miller '99 and David T. Hall on May 19, 2007.

Suzanna L. Stogner '99 and William R. West on June 23, 2007.

Sena Allen '00 and **Christian Preziosi '98M** on Oct. 13, 2007. Sena is a health service coordinator with Life Line Screening, and Christian is employed by Land Management Group.

Holly N. Jones '00 and **William M. Owens '03** on June 23, 2007.

Carolyn M. Link '00 and Brad R. Williams on Oct. 6, 2007.

Leah J. Osborne '00 and Jason J. Deans on Oct. 13, 2007.

Aaron P. Ward '00 and **Natalie S. Blythe '02** on April 3, 2007.

Elizabeth T. Adams '01 and Warren S. DuBose on May 11, 2007.

Amy E. Berrier '01 and Cameron J. Murchison on Oct. 6, 2007.

Lakesha R. Hatcher '01 and Lenwood O. Golden Jr. on July 7, 2007.

Rebecca Heine '01 and Michael Summerlot on July 28, 2007. Rebecca teaches in Orange County Public Schools in Florida.

Thomas L. Miller '01 and Sarah E. Cox on July 14, 2007.

David T. Myers '01 and Emily D. Nimmo on April 14, 2007.

Elizabeth S. Perry '01 and Nathan A. Anderson on July 28, 2007.

John D. Riggle '01 and Melissa L. Franchi on May 19, 2007.

Katie E. Rushing '01 and Robert C. Tennant on June 16, 2007.

Rebecca L. Sandy '01 and Timothy P. Carroll on April 28, 2007

Logan G. Sharpe '01 and Sarah R. Clark on Oct. 6, 2007.

Amy L. Stack '01 and Charles R. Jenkins Jr. on June 30, 2007.

William R. Taylor '01 and Suzanne M. Channels on June 23, 2007.

Jana E. Tribble '01 and Gavin I. Jones on April 28, 2007.

Karen E. Vause '01 and Frank E. Beaty IV on Aug. 4, 2007.

Larry B. Ward Jr. '01 and Kara R. Guzman on Oct. 20, 2007.

Amy C. Wiggs '01 and Christopher L. Roberts on Dec. 9, 2006.

Casey L. Alton '02 and Jonathan T. Cape on Apr. 29, 2007.

Jacqueline S. Armstrong '02 and Eric A. Dale on June 2, 2007.

Ryan M. Autry '02 and Jennifer Sheffield on July 21, 2007.

Laura R. Bailey '02 and **Theodore J. Thornton '98** on June 23, 2007.

Julie M. Burch '02 and Darren N. Hoover on Apr. 28, 2007.

Jamie L. Brill '02 and Joshua G. Smith on June 30, 2006.

Grady S. Carpenter III '02 and Whitney M. Lee on Sept 22, 2007.

Prudence A. Carver '02 and Kevin P. Evancic on Aug. 11, 2007.

Daniel M. Govoni '02 and Lillian E. Thomas on Nov. 3, 2007.

Amanda M. Hodges '02 and Nicholas A. Nichols on Sept. 29, 2007.

Laura K. Howe '02 and Bryan T. Hurdle on Oct. 6, 2007.

Jeffery T. Horton '02 and Jessica A. Kley on Nov. 3, 2007.

David J. Hughes '02 and Margaret S. Barry on Oct. 6, 2007.

Cortney L. Johnson '02 and **Bradley A. Shallow '03** on Oct. 13, 2007.

Leslie A. Lingafeldt '02 and Joshua C. Pennington on May 12, 2007.

Krista R. Long '02 and Taylor L. Jones on June 23, 2007.

Shannon C. Long '02 and **Nicholas M. Benson IV '02** on April 21, 2007.

Tiffany Wilkinson '02 and David VanDeventer on Nov. 24, 2007. Tiffany is a pharmaceutical representative with Roche.

Melody J. Pruitt '02 and Richard E. Vieth on July 20, 2007.

Kristen A. Ray '02 and Robert A. Carter Jr. on Aug. 25, 2007.

Jennifer Reid '02 and **Terry S. Scholar '01** on April 14, 2007. She is a sales analyst with Parata Systems, and he is an environmental scientist with Eastern Research Group. They reside in Raleigh.

Olivia C. Rouse '01, '02M and Christopher C. Hutto on July 14, 2007. Olivia is the club controller with Toll Brothers Inc. They reside in Beaufort, S.C.

Shannon E. Taylor '02 and Roland K. Collins on June 23, 2007.

Tom J. Vaughn III '02 and Susan M. Hume on June 9, 2007.

Carrie J. Warwick '02 and **Ray S. Parker '03** on Sept. 30, 2007.

Mary E. Bell '03 and Courtney A. Dixon on Oct 13, 2007.

Blake A. Blackwell '03 and Lindsey B. Holloman on Sept. 15, 2007.

Jessica B. Boone '03 and **Chadwick D. Johnson '03** on Oct. 6, 2007.

Cheri E. Boyette '03 and **Adam L. Van Cleave '03** on July 7, 2007.

Laura E. Burns '03 and David E. Blake on June 30, 2007.

John S. Coleman '03 and Ashley E. Raynor on Oct 27, 2007.

Jonathan R. Dengler '03 and Amanda L. Ward on Nov. 3, 2007.

Kristi L. Dollar '03 and William J. Oder on June 9, 2007.

Jeffrey S. Millard '03 and Amanda S. Fuhrman on April 28, 2007.

Hilary B. Gaskill '03 and Richard T. Brindley on April 14, 2007.

Timothy R. Griesbauer '03 and Hannah A. Manson on June 23, 2007.

Amy R. Huggins '03 and **Shane N. Buck '03** on Sept. 15, 2007.

Erin M. Justice '03 and Joseph Harris on Sept. 15, 2007.

Jessica R. Killoran '03 and Bret C. Brinkmann III on June 16, 2007.

Allison F. Lee '03 and Jason E. Godwin on Oct. 6, 2007.

Sarah E. Mayberry '03 and Jeremy R. Scott on May 27, 2007.

Mary K. McNulty '03 and **William E. Humphries '02** on Aug. 4, 2007.

Susan L. Neese '03 and Marc W. Blackwelder Jr. on Nov. 17, 2007.

Kimberley A. Peoples '03 and Richard C. Mangum on June 9, 2007.

Kenzie E. Pusser '03 and Brett F. Jones on Aug. 4, 2007.

Bonnie R. Rich '03 and Jeremy P. Ferguson on June 23, 2007.

Stephanie A. Ross '03 and **Britton R. Williams '03** on Oct. 20, 2007.

Michael A. Shusko '03 and Erika J. Leicht on Oct. 21, 2006.

Quandra V. Smith '03 and Michael Giles on Aug. 11, 2007.

Mary C. Vinson '03 and Scott M Chestnutt on Aug. 4, 2007.

Ellen C. White '03 and Steven D. Haynie on May 6, 2007.

Meredith A. Whitmore '03 and Richard W. Jarrett on June 30, 2007.

Jamie A. Worley '03 and Jason E. Gallegos on April 14, 2007.

Carole C. Yoder '03 and Alan B. Willis on Sept. 22, 2007.

Emily L. Zalar '03 and **Michael J. Baucom '03** on Sept. 22, 2007.

Mandi R. Campbell '04 and Paul D. Campbell III on July 14, 2007.

Jamie M. Cannon '04 and Robert W. Green on Aug. 4, 2007.

Tiffany H. Edwards '04 and Jarrett W. Purdy on June 2, 2007.

Katie C. Fancher '04 and Ronald P. Ragan Jr. on Sept. 8, 2007.

Cynthia L. George '04 and Joseph M. Ruffin on Oct. 6, 2007.

Cornelia V. Grose '04 and **Sean D. Ruttkay '04** on July 29, 2007.

Courtney B. Jenkins '04 and Ellsworth R. Gaskill III on May 12, 2007.

Melissa A. Kempler '04 and Geoffrey B. Nau on June 16, 2007.

Crawford B. MacKethan III '04 and Jennifer N. Garvey on Oct. 13, 2007.

Cassie D. McPherson '04 and Timothy W. Hoffman on June 24, 2007.

Bryan R. Pair '04 and Nichole L. Moore on Sept. 22, 2007.

Ashley B. Petway '04 and Travis B. Strong Jr. on Oct 13, 2007.

Ryan B. Price '04 and Courtney R. Jones on Oct. 6, 2007.

Leslie N. Scott '04 and Justin G. Boyd on Oct. 13, 2007.

Laura M. Towery '04 and Matthew Z. Capps on Sept. 15, 2007.

Ashley R. Williamson '04 and **Corey M. Swinson '05** on May 20, 2007.

Lauren M. Ariansen '05 and Marshall C. Evans III on Oct. 27, 2007.

Julia A. Beavan '05 and William T. Pardue on Aug. 11, 2007.

Nicole M. Berger '05 and Steven B. Kelly on April 21, 2007.

John C. Bigwood '05 and Kira S. Collins on May 12, 2007.

Shannon D. Byrd '05 and Lonnie W. Gordon on July 7, 2007.

Bridget Germana '05, '07M and Christopher Wells on June 10, 2006. Bridget is an assistant editor with Jonathan Wood and Associates. They reside in Fair Lawn, N.J.

Melissa A. Goskolka '05 and **Benjamin C. Stikeleather '06** on July 21, 2007.

Stacey L. Hedrick '05 and Cole D. Conner on June 23, 2007.

Heather K. Hill '05 and Christopher W. Cole on Oct. 6, 2007.

Amy E. Johnson '05 and Jason S. Blount on Oct 27, 2007.

Tracy R. Johnson '05 and Miles B. Hall on June 23, 2007.

Ashley E. Little '05 and **David L. Mills '06** on May 5, 2007.

Justin M. Long '05M and Kathryn E. Bangert on May 19, 2007.

Joseph R. Lynch '05 and Elizabeth K. Waller on Oct 6, 2007.

Tina L. Marburger '05M and Ted J. Hawkins on April 21, 2007. Tina is a senior property accountant with Centro Properties Group in Wilmington.

Lindsay E. Miller '05 and Lt. Christopher M. Daniels on Aug. 5, 2007.

Ginny C. Moore '05 and Timothy R. Boyer on May 26, 2007.

Emily D. Morton '05 and Robert A. Krause on Oct. 20, 2007.

Kathryn T. Mueller '05 and Daniel R. Sausman on Aug. 5, 2007. Kathryn is a radiochemist with Progress Energy.

Tracy L. Smith '05 and Thomas B. Langston on Sept. 22, 2007.

Embracing a diverse life

UNCW INSPIRES ONE SEAHAWK TO SPREAD HER WINGS ACROSS THE WORLD

by C. David '07

Adrien Lopez's '02 heart beat feverishly as she took her seat in front of more than 400 representatives from 79 countries.

She wondered: "Were these seasoned government delegates secretly questioning why a North American 'gringa' was representing Chile? Were they asking each other why a 27-year-old was facilitating a panel discussion on global policy?" After a brief moment of reflection, Lopez's anxiety was replaced with excitement. She sat up straight and leaned into the microphone with confidence. After all, she was a Seahawk.

Lopez's road to representing the Labour Ministry of the Chilean government as a development coordinator for the International Standards Organization's (ISO) Social Responsibility (SR) initiative has been one paved with teal.

"UNCW inspired me to be a global activist. From working with UNCW Global Serve in Nicaragua where more than 12,000 had been killed by Hurricane Mitch, to membership with the NAACP, to befriending students from around the world in the International House, the space the university allowed for growth and discussion made me wonder how I could make a difference early on," said Lopez.

Eager to explore life outside of the United States, in 2000 the communication studies major studied abroad in her grandfather's native Spain. Lopez highlights the trip as a "priceless experience that made me realize anything is possible."

On returning to the mainland, the self-proclaimed "leadership nerd" was elected as the 2001-02 UNCW Student Government Association (SGA) president. Lopez's belief that "part of affecting change is valuing diversity of all types" permeated her leadership and helped her earn a 2004-05 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to Chile's Alberto Hurtado University.

Wilmington Rotarian and 2005-07 UNCW Foundation Board chairman Russell La Belle noted, "Adrien stood out when she applied to be a Rotary Scholar because of her compassion for mankind and her desire to promote understanding. As her sponsor, I could not be more proud."

While pursing a master's degree in social ethics and human development in Chile, Lopez organized "Gringas por (for) Bachelet" (GPB), a grassroots campaign for the election of female candidate Michelle Bachelet to the Chilean presidency.

On the same day Lopez celebrated Bachelet's historic victory, an enthusiastic conversation with a Chilean official about social change opened the door to her role as a Chilean advisor to the development of ISO 26000, an international standard aimed at providing guidelines for SR.

Scheduled for release in 2010, the voluntary initiative aims to provide guidance on international best practices related to the environment, human rights and labor, organizational governance, consumer relations and society development. Various organizations from the global community, including national governments, will create and implement SR standards Lopez noted "could make a huge impact on the world."

In less than a year, Lopez has traveled to five countries, assisted with the writing of SR policy and participated in multiple international panels.

"I am not surprised Adrien has become a bicultural individual and bridged countries. She values serving all people, and she is just the kind of person you never forget," said UNCW International Programs English-as-a-second language coordinator Maike Walbrecht.

Lopez said, "We are more than just the borders of our country. We cannot live by fear. We must step outside of our comfort zones to experience new possibilities.

"I am so proud when I bump into other alums in Latin America. It is clear UNCW is creating truly globally-minded people."

Lopez is organizing a network of UNCW alumni in Latin America. For more information on these efforts and Adrien's adventures, visit: **adrienchile.blogspot.com** or **seahawksouth-america.blogspot.com**.

Megan T. Waller '05 and Benjamin G. Bynum on June 16, 2007.

Blair K. Waters '05 and Stephen T. Dickinson on Sept. 22, 2007.

Tiffanni Y. Whitlow '05 and Gerald W. Speight on May 12, 2007.

Tiffany L. Williams '05 and Adam B. Murphy on June 16, 2007.

William R. Wilson '05M and Sarah E. Edwards June 9, 2007. William joined Hughes Pittman & Gupton, LPP auditing practice.

Rachel D. Allen '06 and **Jeffrey A. Day '06** on July 21, 2007.

Ashley N. Batts '06 and **Daniel N. Sarvis '06** on Nov. 24, 2007.

Nicole L. Bitonti '06 and **Derrick T. King '06** on Oct. 13, 2007.

Jonathan W. Brady '06M and Lindsey E. Wilkins on Aug. 25, 2007.

Caroline K. Brock-Blick '06 and Jeffrey J. Blick on May 26, 2007.

Melissa S. Bucci '06 and **Steven A. Fallis '04** on Oct. 6, 2007.

Michelle E. Cox '06 and **Andrew J. Peters '05** on July 14, 2007.

Marissa C. DeLeo '06 and **Christopher B. Whitehurst '00** on July 14, 2007.

Janna E. Dinkins '06 and **Justin L. Heady '06** on May 5, 2007.

Crystal N. Ellis '06 and Ivey C. Peterson on April 28, 2007.

Nicole H. Fennell '06 and Steven C. Underwood on June 23, 2007.

Ashley D. Haislet '06 and Ezra D. Ellis on March 17, 2007.

Mindy L. Hill '06 and Derek S. Brewer on June 16, 2007.

Sarah B. Jenkins '06 and Bracken R. Gentry on July 28, 2007.

Jennifer D. Miller '06 and Adam W. Groce on May 19, 2007.

Jamie L. Plummer '06 and Michael L. Groom on Aug. 4, 2007.

Vickie S. Putnam '06 and **Stuart T. Wall '04, '05M** on May 10, 2007.

Chad C. Raynor '06 and Meagan L. Dail on Sept. 15, 2007.

Kathryn E. Riddle '06 and **William M. Downer '04** on March 17, 2007.

Lisa P. Shivar '06 and Wesley P. Smith on Aug. 4, 2007.

Ashley M. Smith '06 and Ezekiel R. Vaughn on May 5, 2007.

Heather R. Staton '06 and **Christopher J. Colomb '07** on Aug. 11, 2007.

Stephen C. Tilson '06 and Stephanie R. Beeler on Oct. 6, 2007.

Heather A. Atkinson '07 and Travis W. Smith on May 26, 2007.

Robert M. Boyd '07 and Andrea R. Gonzalez on June 2, 2007.

Ashley Budrys '07 and Stuart Johnson on Aug. 4, 2007.

Rebecca A. Dassau '07 and Lucas D. Grant on July 7, 2007.

Allison S. Dorsey '07 and **Joshua J. Kennedy '07** on June 16, 2007.

Dustin L. Efird '07 and Carrie A. Sebastian on June 23, 2007.

Lauren C. Hartford '07 and David A. Hill on June 9, 2007.

Cierra L. Heath '07 and Joshua L. Dunham on June 16, 2007.

Courtney M. Hill '07 and **Kevin B. Brown '04** on Oct. 14, 2007.

Jessica M. Ingland '07 and **Daniel L. Joyner '05** on July 7, 2007.

Dana E. Jennings '07 and **Michael A. Laymon '06** on Oct. 27, 2007.

Britni E. Journey '07 and Dustin B. Rogers on May 19, 2007.

Karen L. Kearns '07 and Jeremy L. Bailey on Aug. 18, 2007.

Janie A. McGregor '07 and **Timothy M. McAuliffe '07** on June 16, 2007.

Emily J. Norris '07 and **Arthur W. Miller III '07** on Sept. 29, 2007.

Jamie E. O'Brien '07 and Barrett T. Davis on May 26, 2007.

Amanda B. Peay '07 and Marcus D. Rau. Jr. on July 14, 2007.

Georgia M. Phillips '07 and Nathan J. Farrior on Apr. 21, 2007.

Nathan E. Scott '07 and Amber M. Ehlers on June 2, 2007.

Mary E. Suber '07 and Michael J. Barts on June 16, 2007.

Katie J. Till '07 and **Matthew L. Bork '06** on Oct. 20, 2007.

Kathryn L. Walser '07 and Christopher K. Little on May 26, 2007.

Holly D. Williams '07 and Charles L. Moody Jr. on Nov. 10, 2007.

Births

To **Kim Howard Gardner '84** and her husband Geri, a daughter, Karesten Rae, on Jan. 14, 2007. Kim is a project manager with Alfred Williams and Co. in Nashville, Tenn.

To **Phillip C. '93** and **Chistina Pino-Marina Hughey '93**, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, on Sept. 21, 2007. Phillip graduated with a Master in Public Administration in June 2007 from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and is the deputy general counsel of the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.

To **Scott R. '93** and **Heide Kalinowski Tierney '93**, a daughter Cali, on Sept. 7, 2007. The athletic director at Palos Heights Schools, Scott is a basketball referee for Division II and III basketball for three Chicago-area conferences.

To **Patricia Busby O'Shaughnessy '94** and her husband Andrew, a daughter, Lillian Ruth, on July 26, 2007. They reside in New York City.

To **Becky Wolf Marks '96** and her husband Jamie, a daughter, Riley Jeanne, on Dec. 4, 2007. Becky is the franchise sales coordinator with Au Bon Pain. They reside in Cambridge, Mass.

To **Devon Jones Mann '96** and her husband Morgan, a daughter, Hollis Catherine, on April 20, 2007. Devon teaches biology at the College of Lake County. They reside in Grayslake, Ill.

To **Jennifer Davis Gunter '97** and her husband, Robert, a son, Robbie, on April 10, 2007. Jennifer is the director of in-home care with AssistedCare Inc. in Leland.

To **Evan J. Kelly '97** and his wife JoAnn, a daughter, Teagan Elyse, on April 10, 2007. Evan anchors the 6 and 10 p.m. news broadcasts at KYMA Channel 11 in Yuma, Ariz.

To **Thomas '98** and **Allison Long Gale '98**, a daughter, Laura Kathryn, on Sept. 11, 2007. Tom is a broker/realtor with Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Realty. Allison is an eighth grade English teacher at Leland Middle School.

To **Michael J. '99** and **Sarah Thomas Haithcock '98**, a daughter, Liza Kate, on Aug. 29, 2007. Sarah is a registered nurse at Duke Hospital, and Michael is a computer programmer with SYSRAD. They reside in Raleigh.

To **Olivia Goode McGarry '98** and her husband Brian, a son, Charlie, on July 27, 2007.

To **Tommy '99** and **Jackie Roberts Casey '03**, a daughter, Claire Leigh, on April 5, 2007. Tommy is a math instructor at Cape Fear Community College, and Jackie is a certified public accountant with McGladrey & Pullen.

To **Chad '00** and **Andrea Aitken-Sprague Corbin '99**, a son, Ryan Chase, on July 13, 2007. Chad is operations manager at Ferguson Enterprises in Jacksonville, Fla. A former teacher, Andrea is now a stay-at-home mom.

To **Andrew '00** and **Andrea Davis Quirk '99**, a daughter, Addison Grace on July 24, 2007. Andrea is a social worker with the Onslow County Department of Social Services.

To **Elizabeth Hayes Gould '00** and her husband Mark, a son, Bennett, on Aug. 3, 2007. Elizabeth received a Master of Education degree from UNC Chapel Hill and is a kindergarten teacher in the Alamance-Burlington School System.

To **Laura Lineback Balow '00** and her husband Edward, a son, Kyle Edward on July 25, 2007. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

To **Andrew A. Monteith '00** and his wife Kristen, a daughter, Corinne Rachael on May 19, 2007.

To **Shannon T. Koons '00** and his wife Rene, a daughter, Nora Mae, on Nov. 13, 2006.

To **Susan English Ross '00** and her husband Andrew, a son, Connor Andrew, on Oct. 15, 2007. Susan is the manager of Value Rx Pharmacy in the Piggly Wiggly in Warsaw.

To **Joseph C. '01** and **Ashley Wilson Filice '00**, a son, Anthony Paul II on Oct. 4, 2006. Joseph is a regional sales representative with Reliance Standard. They reside in Orlando, Fla.

To **William T. '00** and **Molly M. Connell Scarborough '00**, a son, Tyler William, on Oct. 19, 2007. Molly is a science teacher at West Warwick Public School, and William is employed by Fidelity Investments.

To **Tamika Jenkins Rice '01** and her husband Marc E., a son, Grady Ehren, on Oct. 13, 2007. Tamika is a staff attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina.

To **Tabitha Carter Dickerson'02** and her husband James, a daughter, Kamdyn Noel, on June 15, 2007. Tabitha is an English teacher at Jacksonville High School.

To **Garrett Droege '02** and **Abbey Wade '03** a son, Henry Ryan, on Dec. 8, 2007. Garrett is an advisor with the JJ Wade Agency and had a role in a Tylenol commercial for NASCAR. They reside in Davidson.

To **Samantha Donald Thompson '02** and her husband Todd, a son, Kaleb Michael, on Aug. 15, 2007. Samantha is a pre-kindergarten teacher with Duplin County Schools.

To **Matthew '98** and **Heather Lankford Whit '02M**, a son, Matthew Colton, on July 29, 2006. Matthew is manager of global distribution with GlaxoSmithKline.

To **Brandi Shortt Milam '05** and her husband Johnny, a daughter, Gracie Michelle, on Aug. 25, 2007.

To **Katie M. Jacobs '06** and her husband Harold, a daughter, Sophia Ruth, on Oct. 27, 2007.

Deaths

H. Douglas Sessoms '50 died Feb. 12, 2008.

Marshall Hamilton '67 died Dec. 5, 2007.

Friends

Doretha McKnight Stone, senior level coordinator and the interim associate dean in the School of Nursing, died July 21, 2007.

Claude Farrell, retired professor of economics in the Cameron School of Business, died Feb.7, 2008.

Boyd Robison, business counselor with the Small Business and Technology Development Center, died Jan. 27, 2008.

Frank Capra (1934-2007)
The UNCW community was lost a friend and colleague Dec. 19, 2007, with the passing of Frank Capra Jr., a film industry leader and a successful champion for film-making in North Carolina.

As president of EUE Screen Gems Studios, Capra helped found the UNCW film studies program and served as a distinguished visiting professor. He received an honorary doctorate from the university in 1999 and was named Citizen of the Year by the UNCW Alumni Association in 2007.

"Frank was always generous with his time and with his ideas, whether it was teaching, advising students or serving on numerous university boards. He wanted our students to be successful and to become part of a strong, thriving film industry in North Carolina. He will be greatly missed," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

In his memory, the Wilmington film community along with the Department of Film Studies created the Frank Capra Jr. Film Studies Scholarship. Contributions to the scholarship fund can be made by contacting Marla Rice-Evans in UNCW's Division for University Advancement.

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Mary Helm '61 got the student section jumping when Seahawk fans filled Trask Coliseum for the 2008 Homecoming game against James Madison.

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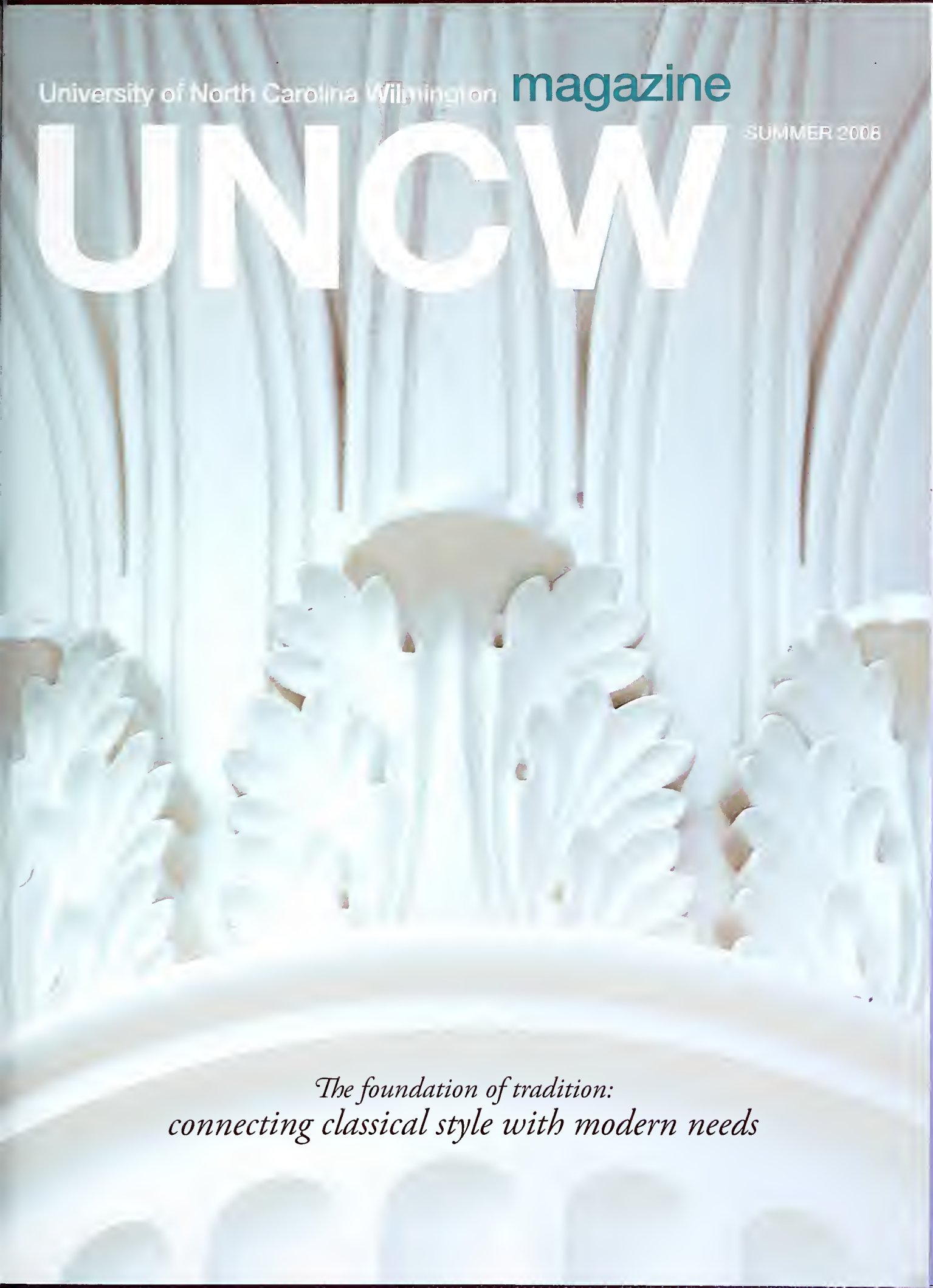

The foundation of tradition:
connecting classical style with modern needs

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On the cover:
Elaborate Corinthian columns at Kenan House, home of UNCW's chancellor, are reflective of the university's overall classical Georgian architectural style.
Photo by Jamie Moncrief

With its Greek Corinthian columns and Flemish bond masonry, **Hoggard Hall**, one of the three original buildings on campus, exemplifies the modified Georgian architectural style that defines the UNC Wilmington campus. (See story on page 16.)

Dear alumni and friends,

Unlimited potential. Those two words describe our students, our faculty and staff, as well as the future of the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

If you haven't been to see us in some time, our beautiful campus is better than ever. In the past four years, we built or renovated 14 buildings, and those are just the projects on our main campus. Importantly, we have designed the new additions to fit within the classic, Georgian architectural style that defines UNCW (see feature, page 16). We just completed a new operations building at the Center for Marine Science, and we will break ground this fall on our new School of Nursing building. Plans are being developed for a teaching-laboratory building, an expansion of our student recreation center and a new academic services building for student-athletes.

Our financial resources continue to grow. UNCW is fortunate to receive significant essential support from the state, but public funding cannot fully meet our needs or goals. We have just completed our best fundraising year ever for UNCW, with more than $13.8 million in gifts and pledges from generous alumni, donors, corporations, foundations and friends. During the past three years, we have raised $29.7 million for scholarships, professorships, academic and athletic programs, regional engagement and outreach and so much more. Thanks to careful investment management of your generous support dollars, UNCW has built its overall endowment to about $56 million, more than doubling it in the last five years.

The university needs these resources to support our primary strategic goal: provide students with the most powerful learning experience possible. As you will see in the article (page 20) about Shawna Lesseur '08, scholarships and fellowships give students the financial support they need to fulfill their potential. Nearly 1,900 students graduated in May from UNCW, having experienced outstanding classes, research experiences, internships and study-abroad excursions in nations as diverse as Costa Rica, Japan, Peru and Scotland. They delved into community projects, including Habitat for Humanity with our own UNCW-built home, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Special Olympics and so many more.

Although we miss our graduates, we know they will stay connected through the alumni association and its activities, including Fall Alumni Weekend/Family Weekend Oct. 17-19.

We are now ready to welcome a new group of Seahawks to campus. More than 2,000 freshmen, who will arrive in August, are scheduled to graduate in 2012, the year UNCW celebrates its 65th anniversary. I met many of our impressive new students and their parents during orientation in June. Their average GPA, 3.75, indicates their passion for learning, and so we can expect great things from these future Seahawks in the years to come.

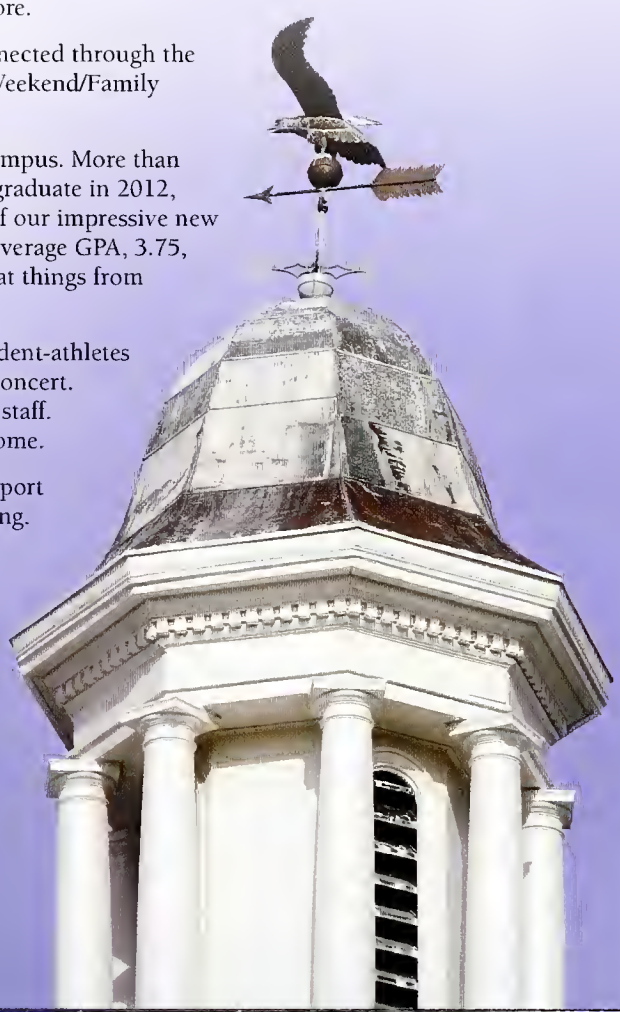
In closing, I invite you to visit UNCW this fall. Watch our student-athletes in competition. See a play, tour an art exhibition or attend a concert. Listen to a guest lecturer. Talk with our students, faculty and staff. Learn who we are now and who we have the potential to become.

As always, I welcome your calls, letters and e-mails. Your support for the University of North Carolina Wilmington is outstanding. Thanks for helping us soar even higher.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo

Chancellor



Top: **Barbro Osher** and Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo

Middle: Provost Paul Hosier and **Bernard Osher**

Bottom: Provost Hosier, Chancellor DePaolo and **Irwin "Ike" Belk**

Photos by Jamie Mercier

Three philanthropists received honorary Doctor of Humanity degrees during spring 2008 commencement ceremonies, recognizing their exceptional service to UNCW and their contributions in furthering educational opportunities for students and lifelong learners.

Honorary degrees recognize philanthropists

Barbro and Bernard Osher have been heavily involved in philanthropic work in the United States and Sweden. Bernard Osher Foundation, which was founded in 1977 to support a growing national network of lifelong learning institutes for older adults, provided $1 million to endow the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNCW. OLLI provides non-credit university courses, seminars, lectures, travel excursions and other educational opportunities for adult learners through the Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies. The Oshers also established an endowed scholarship at UNCW that provides financial assistance for non-traditional, re-entry students.

Currently the chief executive officer of the Belk Group Inc., **Irwin "Ike" Belk** has been an advocate for the university since the 1960s, when he and other state leaders worked to expand the University of North Carolina system that UNCW joined in 1969. In April 2008 Belk helped established a $1 million distinguished professorship to recruit and retain outstanding School of Nursing faculty. Other gifts to UNCW have supported Bryan Auditorium in Morton Hall and a recently commissioned Seahawk sculpture that will grace the front of campus. Belk Hall, a women's residence hall, is named for his mother, Mary Lenora Irwin Belk.

1,642 bachelor's degrees

243 master's degrees

1 doctoral degree

3 honorary doctorates

13 percent increase in graduates who studied abroad

Jamie Moncrief

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo congratulates graduates as they line up before UNC Wilmington's first commencement for the College of Arts and Sciences. A second commencement for the college and a third for the schools of business, education and nursing also were held May 10.

Razor Walker Awards

For 15 years, the Watson School of Education has honored individuals and companies who dedicate themselves to changing the lives of youth across the state by presenting them with the Razor Walker Awards.

Top left to right: Elliott Palmer, Chip Leavitt, CEO, Brunswick Electric Membership Corp., Byron Bey

Bottom left to right: Juanita Palmer, Eleanor Wright, H. Elizabeth Miars

Byron "Barry" Bey, who started the aquaculture program at South Brunswick High School in 1987, teaches his students the importance of science, environmental awareness, responsibility, citizenship and service to the community through the hands-on experiences of raising fish and restocking overfished waters.

H. Elizabeth Miars, principal of Rachel Freeman School of Engineering, and her staff strive to give their students the academic background, creative thinking skills and vision to build dreams for the future. Through these efforts, she is establishing a high expectation, high achievement learning environment for an underserved population.

In 1984, retired educators **Elliott and Juanita Palmer** founded the African American Cultural Complex, a unique collection of artifacts, documents and displays of the outstanding contributions made by African Americans. Through structured educational programs, the center creates awareness of African American history, offering tours to groups from schools, churches and community organizations.

A founding member of the special education faculty at UNCW, **Eleanor Wright** was instrumental in developing the curriculum for both bachelor's and master's programs. Throughout her career, she has been an advocate for students with special needs in the state, writing and directing grant programs to provide special education teachers with effective instructional techniques and appropriate curricula.

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation originated the Bright Ideas program which provides grants for innovative, classroom-based projects in grades K-12 that otherwise would not be funded. In Brunswick and Columbus counties, BEMC awarded $32,200 in grants for the 2007-08 school year and has awarded nearly $300,000 since the program's inception in 1993.

by Lauren Cribbs '08

Nearly half of the 1,000 shoes collected at Bradley Creek and College Park elementary schools found their way to impoverished families who live near Managua, Nicaragua, thanks to the efforts of a group of UNCW students.

"The Nicaraguan people were so grateful for the shoes that we brought," said **Colleen Tulley '11**. "Most of them had been standing outside for nearly two days just so they could get a good place in line. Seeing their faces light up as soon as they took a good look at the shoes took my breath away! It was a true liberating moment when we sold the last pair of shoes because we realized just how much the Nicaraguan people appreciated our contribution."

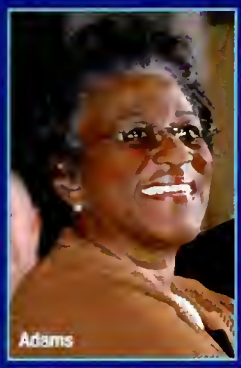
UNCW students have 'sole'

The effort was part of the Go Home Barefoot campaign sponsored by Manna Project International – Wilmington. The remaining 500 shoes were donated to First Fruits, a community organization that assists the homeless. In addition to Tulley, **Meredith Butterton '09**, **Audrey Bafford '10**, **Sara Casey '10**, **Nathan Hingtgen '06**, **Stephanie MacConnell '11**, Nick Colquitt and **Alyse Hunsucker '09** traveled to Nicaragua over spring break and visited a community called La Chureca. The group plans to sponsor a young girl living there who suffers from malnourishment.

In April, the group sponsored a concert by Braddigan, a group that tours nationwide to raise awareness of the poverty in La Chureca, raising several thousand dollars to support the community.

Because of the students' efforts, the Wilmington chapter of Manna Project was featured in the organization's newsletter to all of its supporters.

"While we were there, we also taught classes in English, Spanish, math and art. We learned a lot about the culture and got very close to the people. It was amazing, and I would go back in a second," said Butterton '09 who was community coordinator for the Manna Project.


Adams

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Paul Hosier resigned from his post as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs to return to full-time teaching in the Department of Biology and Marine Biology, effective July 1. Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo credited Hosier as being integral to the university's success because of his personal interest in the recruitment and retention of faculty, staff and students. "He has been a strong advocate for improving the quality of facilities and providing needed space. His work with vice chancellors and deans in helping prioritize budgets during difficult times as well as during those years with somewhat better funding has helped this university soar."

Replacing Hosier is **Brian R. Chapman** who was provost and vice president for academic affairs at West Texas A&M University. At West Texas A&M and Sam Houston State University, where he was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Chapman was instrumental in the development of innovative academic programs, effective strategies for increasing student retention and improving student learning outcomes. He previously served as professor of zoology and graduate coordinator in the University of Georgia School of Forest Resources and was on the faculty at the University of Oklahoma and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He received master's and doctoral degrees in zoology from Texas Tech University and a bachelor's degree in biology from Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Charles Maimone is the new vice chancellor for business affairs, replacing Ron Core who held that position since 2004. Maimone had served in several positions at UNCW from 1986 to 1995, including associate dean of students/residence life, director of housing and food services and director of auxiliary services. Maimone had been at the College of William and Mary since 1995 serving as associate vice president for administration and director of auxiliary services. He has a master's degree in business administration from the College

of William and Mary as well as master of education and bachelor of arts degrees from Kent State University. He is also a certified public manager.

Virginia Adams relinquished her position as dean of the School of Nursing effective June 30. She will serve as special assistant to the vice provost through June 2009, then return to the faculty as professor of nursing the following year. Under Adams' leadership since 1994, the School of Nursing doubled its student population. Adams focused on creating opportunities for faculty and staff to become engaged in applied teaching, research and community partnerships, locally as well as internationally. She is recognized statewide for incubating Camp BONES, a program designed to prepare underserved and underrepresented youth interested in nursing and health careers. She also initiated continuing education programs to address critical issues for nurses in the region. Adams was largely responsible for demonstrating the need for a School of Nursing building, working with the N.C. General Assembly to obtain a $30.1 million appropriation for the building's design and construction, slated to begin in the fall.

As the new assistant provost for international programs, **Denise DiPuccio** will work to imbue a sense of global citizenship in the student body, the faculty, the curriculum and the local community, as well as to increase student participation in study abroad programs and the presence of international students on campus. She was previously chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Suzanne Blake, emergency management coordinator, attended specialized hurricane training at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla. She was one of three emergency managers chosen by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management to represent the state of North Carolina at the course. During the weeklong session, Blake received in-depth training on the intricacies of hurricanes including forecasting, climate change factors, storm surge, flooding, evacuations and resources for decision-making.

Biology professor **Ann Stapleton** is part of the iPlant Collaborative, a $50 million, National Science Foundation-funded project led by the University of Arizona. It will unite plant scientists, computer scientists and information scientists from around the world for the first time ever to provide answers to plant biology questions of global importance and advance all of these fields. Stapleton said improving communication between scientists could lead to major scientific breakthroughs.

Sean Lema, assistant professor in the biology and marine biology department, found that a sulfur compound produced by algae can provide odor signals that communicate the presence of healthy food sources for marine organisms. Measuring the compound dimethylsulfoniopropionate (DMSP) and related marine fish patterns may help scientists track global climate regulation. When released from the ocean, derivatives of DMSP in the atmosphere promote cloud formation. Clouds reflect sunlight back into space and cool the Earth. "When you see changes in global water conditions, you will see changes in these chemical productions and animals in habitats, and possibly global climate. DMSP byproducts are studied quite often in conjunction with climate change," noted Lema, who collaborated with researchers from the University of California Davis. Their work was published in the March 7, 2008, issue of *Science Magazine*.

Words heard 'round the world

When Federal Reserve vice chairman Donald Kohn shared his thoughts on the state of the American economy during an address at the Cameron School of Business in February, his words were heard around the world.

The story received widespread international coverage with respected media outlets such as *Reuters*, *Forbes*, *USA Today*, the *Wall Street Journal* and *Bloomberg* picking up the story, all mentioning the fact he was speaking at UNCW.

Although his review of the state of the economy was bleak, he highlighted that by mid-2008, the economy should begin to benefit from the fiscal stimulus package passed by Congress, and other economic factors.

"Lower interest rates will not stop, only cushion housing markets," he predicted. However, he projected more economic stability in late 2008 to 2009, as the instability of the housing market and mortgages begins to clear.

"The most likely scenario is one in which the economy experiences a period of sluggish growth in demand and production in the near term that is accompanied by some further increase in joblessness," Kohn foreshadowed.

To students and business leaders, Kohn emphasized the Fed's role in maintaining prices and, ultimately, national economic stability. He said, "We have the tools. As chairman Bernanke often emphasizes, we will do what is needed."

Barefoot

Cauble

Hargrave

Kirsteier

academic, athletic achievements

Baseball standout Daniel Hargrave and swimming workhorse Caitlin Kirsteier received the Thomas V. Moseley Award as UNCW's top student-athletes for 2007-08.

Justin Barefoot and Jenny Cauble were honored with the Chancellor's Cup Award, Todd Hendley was the inaugural recipient of the Soaring Seahawk Award, Bob Lloyd, volunteer photographer, was presented the William J. Brooks Distinguished Service Award and the baseball squad garnered the Team Leadership Award.

Hargrave was one of the catalysts behind UNCW's record-setting 44-17-1 season in which the Seahawks earned their first national ranking. He finished fourth on the team with a .333 batting average and led the squad in at bats and tied for the lead with a school-record 71 runs scored. While starting all 62 games, Hargrave, an All-Colonial first-team honoree, slammed 18 home runs and drove in a career-high 62 runs.

Kirsteier captured the CAA title in the 100 butterfly and swam a leg on the winning 200 medley relay team at the CAA swimming and diving championships. She also set a conference record in the 100 fly with an NCAA "B" qualifying time of 53.90 and set school records in the 100 fly, 50 freestyle and 400 medley relay. She posted a 3.9 GPA in her major of education.

Cauble was one of the key reasons for the rapid emergence of the women's soccer program. A four-year starter and two-time team captain, she made the All-Conference team all four seasons, twice as a First-Team selection, and ranked among the top five in seven career statistical categories. An accounting major with a 3.86 GPA, she made the Dean's List every semester and Chancellor's List with a perfect 4.0 four times.

Barefoot compiled a 3.35 GPA in his major of exercise science. He made the Dean's List and received the Seahawk Award, Golden Seahawk Award and CAA Commissioner's Award.

Hendley was the first recipient of the Soaring Seahawk Award, given to an individual who is an exemplary representative of UNCW's student-athletes. A member of the men's basketball team for three years, Hendley served as a team captain and was involved in numerous community service activities, traveling overseas the last two summers with the Athletes-In-Action ministry.

A retiree who lives in Wilmington, Lloyd received the William J. Brooks Distinguished Service Award, established in 1991 to recognize individuals who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of the program.

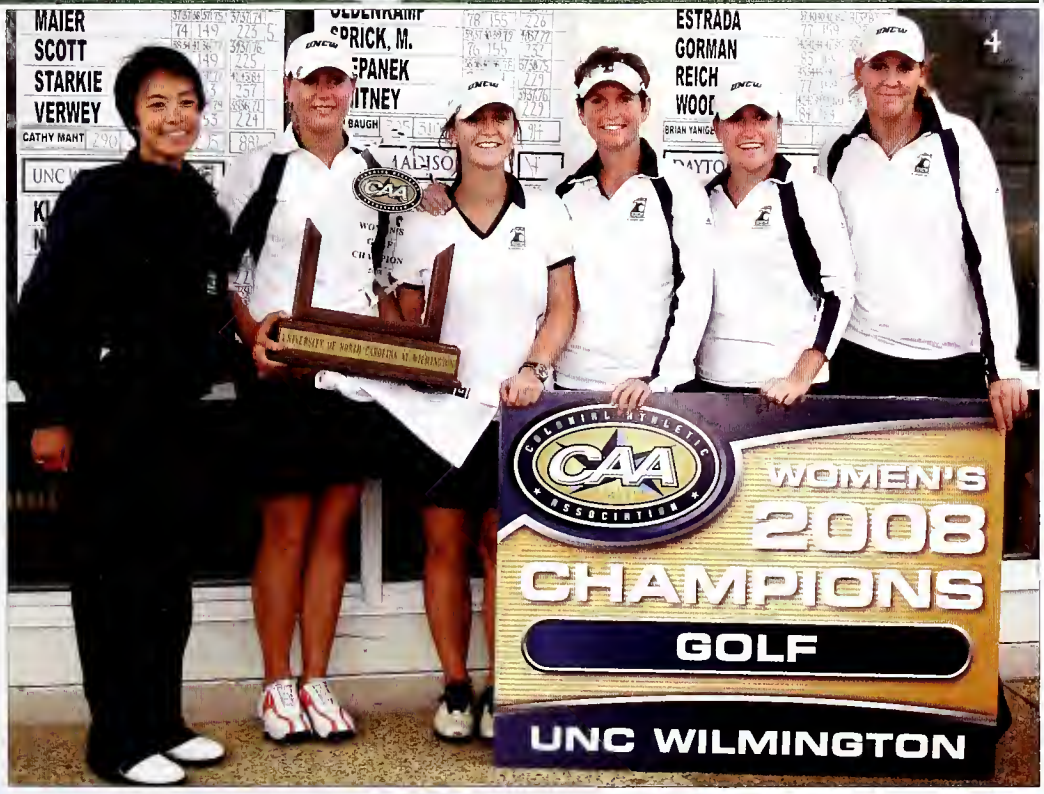
The Team Leadership Award went to the baseball team which logged approximately 360 volunteer hours while remaining solid in the classroom – 16 of its 33 players compiled a 3.0 or better GPA in the fall.

1 UNC Wilmington cruised to its seventh-straight CAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championship. Dave Allen was named Men's Swimming Co-Coach of the Year for the fifth time, and Marc Ellington was named Men's Diving Coach of the Year for the third time.

2 UNC Wilmington overcame a 43.5 point deficit on the second day of the 2008 CAA Men's Track and Field Championship to win by 4.5 points, the smallest winning margin in championship history. The Seahawks swept the medals in the decathlon. Brian Blumenstein set the CAA championship record with 6,581 points.

3 T.J. Carter capped a storybook ending to his collegiate career with the CAA's John H. Randolph Inspiration Award. The award, presented by CAA Commissioner Tom Yeager recognizes individuals who through strength of character and human spirit serve as an inspiration to all to maximize their potential and ability for success.

4 UNC Wilmington earned its second straight CAA Women's Golf Championship title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Women's Golf Championship, finishing 13th overall.



Jamie Moncrief

Mongero strikes home run with baseball manual

by Joe Browning

It was just like ol' times for **Trent Mongero '91** as he crouched into his fielding stance in the clay infield at bucolic Brooks Field, sucking up ground balls like a runaway Hoover right out of the box.

Only this time, things were slightly different than they were when he was the Seahawk shortstop almost 20 years ago.

No fans reclining in the chair back seats. No teammates chatting it up in the sunflower seed-covered dugouts. And none of the repetitive, ear-piercing pinging of today's metal bats.

Breaking the eerie silence, instead, on the pristine diamond was the clicking and whirring of cameras as Mongero, a former college and professional baseball player, now high school baseball coach turned author, participated in the production of his latest baseball venture.

Mongero, who started all 93 games during the 1989 and 1990 seasons at UNCW and was 1989 CAA Player of the Year, wrote and produced the DVDs for his first book, *A Major League Guide to Amateur Baseball* (www.baseballmanual.com), three years ago. The 265-page manual, with eight instructional DVDs, was a big hit for amateur players, coaches and parents looking to improve the level of their play from T-ball to the college level.

Ray Tanner, head baseball coach at the University of South Carolina and USA Baseball, was so impressed he wrote the forward for the manual.

"I never thought I'd be doing a project the magnitude of this one," said Mongero, who batted .302 and stole 39 bases in his two years with the Seahawks. "It was never meant for this project to get where it is now with the new books."

Where "it" is right now is an even bigger task than penning the first book. The "first book" became a manuscript and drew the attention of two large publishers out of New York City which resulted in a one-year authoring process for a new three-book series with 10 DVDs.

"The book I wrote a few years ago was a comprehensive baseball manual for coaches, players and parents (from T-ball through high school) in Richmond County, N.C.," said Mongero. The 41-year-old high school baseball coach, who has had more than 70 former players go on to play baseball in college, including former Seahawks Bryan Britt, Joey Pyrtle '96 and Ronald Hill, worked three seasons as the head coach at Richmond Senior High School before moving on to North Hall High School in Gainesville, Ga.

"Ultimately I wanted my future 'Raider' players to be more prepared when they got to high school, and I also wanted local coaches, players and parents at the youth level to have a rewarding baseball experience.

"We printed 200 of the original books with eight accompanying instructional DVDs, and we gave them away to all youth and junior high baseball coaches in Richmond County who wanted one."

Mongero's manual was so well received that large publishing houses Sterling Publishing and McGraw Hall actually engaged in a bidding war for the rights to contract Mongero to author a sequel. Owned by Barnes & Noble, Sterling Publishing won out and urged Mongero to use a professional filming crew for the new instructional DVDs. The tentative title for the three-book series is *Secrets to Winning Baseball*.

"Being here to film is so much fun," Mongero said, grinning like a Little Leaguer on opening day. "It's both exciting and nerve wracking. It's kind of like playing an actual game. I get a little tongue-tied when the cameras start rolling, and then I relax and the words begin to flow. It all boils down to teaching the game that I learned to play right here at UNCW under former head coach Bobby Guthrie and current head coach Mark Scalf."

Mongero and a six-man crew spent eight days in the fall shooting film at Brooks Field. Following a detailed script, the New York native covered every aspect of the game of baseball from the T-ball level to the college level.

He said, "I feel comfortable doing instruction on all parts of baseball because as a high school coach, you have to be able to teach all aspects of the game.

"The books are not just all baseball skills and drills, though. We give a lot of insight into the game as a whole. We take an in-depth look at the role of the parents in the game, the college recruiting process, as well as the mental side of baseball. We cover goal setting, how to implement your own program, how to set up practices, tryouts, weight training and agility, and on and on."

Mongero, who also coached at Wilmington's E.A. Laney High School for 12 years – nine as head coach and three as an assistant – before moving to Richmond County, says the latest project has been "a continual learning experience."

He enlisted a host of former players to help demonstrate various skills and drills. The group included Hill, UNCW's all-time wins leader, and other Laney grads and former college baseball players Walker Gorham, Stephen Batts and Blair Waggett.

"It's an honor for me to have those guys come back and be a part of this. I'm thrilled to death to have them be involved. Walker just returned from serving in Iraq for the past year and a half and was willing to spend his valuable time out here with us demonstrating the skills needed to play first base."

Mongero even convinced his wife Sonya '96 to let their son, Taber, demonstrate skills for the 9- and 10-year-old age group.

During the shoot in the Port City, Mongero had an opportunity to visit with the Seahawk coaching staff and players as well as tour the new Herbert Fisher Field House.

"UNCW has a fabulous baseball program and a great coaching staff. These improvements will help them recruit the best athletes in the country and continue to take this program to the next level and eventually to the College World Series," he said.

When the books and DVDs are released nationally, Mongero hopes they will be a valuable teaching aid for coaches, players and parents for many years to come.

"I'm still not sure why I've been chosen by God to author these books, but I hope this information will help coaches, players and parents enjoy the game of baseball to the highest level. It's always been and still is about helping kids and parents reach their goals while learning to keep the game of baseball in perspective."

Playing *for keeps*

by Brenda Riegel

The challenge was to create a retreat for beginning teachers to support and mentor them through the ups and downs of their first year experiences.

The result was "Will It Phase You?," an innovative game and workshop developed by Beth Metcalf '97, '05M, UNCW teacher-in-residence, and Kelly Batts '97, '00M, former recruitment and retention coordinator for Pender County Schools and current New Hanover County Schools system-wide mentor.

Presented with the challenge, Batts immediately sought assistance from her alma mater's First Years of Teaching Support Program coordinator, Beth Metcalf. Together they met it head on, creating a scenario-based game and workshop that let beginning teachers work through potential classroom situations in a risk-free setting.

Based on the game of golf, "Will It Phase You?" focuses on the cycle of emotional phases beginning teachers experience: anticipation, survival, disillusionment, rejuvenation, reflection and anticipation. The game and workshop are targeted toward new graduates as they begin their careers, teachers in their first few years in the field and the teachers and administrators who mentor them.

"In higher education, we are successful in teaching strategies and information, but it's harder to find a way to work through the intangibles," said Metcalf. "How do you handle the emotional aspects of teaching?"

"Will It Phase You?" is a creative outlet that lets players work through some of the more difficult facets of teaching in a way that people actually enjoy.

Research shows that many beginning teachers leave the profession in December – when they are exhausted and mired in the disillusionment phase. If they have not experienced this game and workshop, they may not realize rejuvenation – and hope – is right around the corner. Batts sees the evidence of these cycles in her role with New Hanover County Schools. By January, many teachers who were at

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the end of their ropes in December are suddenly full of ideas and ready for new challenges.

When beginning teachers play the game, there are definite "aha" moments. As Metcalf and Batts lead the post-game workshops, they find that many teachers thought they were the only ones experiencing the tough times. They felt discouraged and isolated, sure all the other teachers were sailing through with no setbacks. Then, they realized their experiences are not unique.

"The game is based on research about their own profession, and they deserve to know it," said Metcalf.

"Players often come to the realization that there is more up than down in teaching. That tells us the caliber and generally positive attitudes of the teachers we have entering the profession. They are more willing to take the dips because they know the dips will come to an end," said Metcalf.

Amie Cummings '07 teaches English as a second language and English I at Laney High School in Wilmington. She recently completed the "Will It Phase You?" workshop at UNCW.

"It was really cool," said Cummings. "You roll the dice, and the scenarios start a conversation. My group and I quickly started troubleshooting. It really got us talking."

Cummings found the realistic scenarios put some things in perspective for her. She found herself thinking, "Oh, I don't have it that bad." She saw improvements after spring break but felt she wouldn't fully enter the rejuvenation phase until the end of the semester.

Cummings recommends the game for any beginning teacher and thinks it is especially valuable for students during their internship semester. "It will help prepare them for what they will experience."

Batts and Metcalf understand the experiences of beginning teachers from a research perspective and from personal experience. Both women earned bachelor's degrees in elementary education and master's degrees in curricular instruction and supervision from the Watson School. Batts was a North Carolina Teaching Fellow, and both are National Board Certified Teachers. The scenarios used in the games came from their own experiences as teachers.

Participants play through positive and negative scenarios. For example, players might draw a card that says, "Report cards are due next week, and you have no idea how to use the required software" or "You take your class on a field trip and they behave perfectly."

Although "Will It Phase You?" was inspired by a one-time event, Metcalf and Batts knew they wanted to develop something they could use over and over again.

Regional, statewide and national emphasis on recruitment and retention efforts have sparked interest in the "Will It Phase You?" game and workshop. With the leadership of Dean Cathy Barlow and the expertise of Christy Shannon and Ron Fedraza of the UNCW Office of Technology Transfer, "Will It Phase You?" is now being marketed and distributed to other educators and can be purchased online at **www.uncw.edu/ed/willitphaseyou**.

"This is truly partnership at work," said Batts of this collaboration, which has resulted in a game that can have far-reaching benefits, helping schools keep dedicated teachers in the classroom for years to come.

UNCW a reel hit with filmmakers

It hasn't been quiet on the set at UNC Wilmington since 1992. For the past 16 years, the university has been the backdrop for dozens of movie, television and commercial productions.

More than 300 feature films, television movies and series, commercials and music videos have been filmed in Wilmington, earning it the title of Hollywood East and placing it on the Top 10 list of cities in which to make a movie.

The drama began in 1983, when Academy Award-winning producer Dino DeLaurentiis fell in love with Wilmington during the filming of Stephen King's *Firestarter* and established DEG Film Studios. The studio changed hands over the years, and in 1997 Frank Capra Jr., who also worked on *Firestarter*, returned to Wilmington to be the CEO of EUE/Screen Gems Studios, the largest full-service motion picture studio outside of California.

According to the Wilmington Regional Film Commission Inc. the area "has continued to be one of the most productive and cost-effective filmmaking destinations in the world." The diverse locations available for filming are one of the city's main draws, and UNCW is a vital part of that. The campus is often sought after by location managers from across the country.

"To the extent that's practical, we like to help the film community prosper. It encourages good economic development for the region and the state," said Sharon Boyd, associate vice chancellor for business affairs at UNCW, who usually gets the first call from industry professionals.

Since 1992, the campus has hosted major productions such as *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, *Golden!*, "Dawson's Creek" and "Matlock." "Dawson's Creek" spent four of its six seasons at UNCW's Alderman Hall, which served as the series' Capeside High School for James Van Der Beek, Katie Holmes and Michelle Williams.

CW's "One Tree Hill" has filmed scenes around campus, including the Education Building and Randall Library. The Education Building also served as the corporate headquarters depicted in NBC's "Surface;" other scenes were filmed at the Center for Marine Science. Brooks Field, the home of Seahawk baseball, will appear in the pilot of an upcoming HBO series, "Eastbound & Down."

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood shot several scenes in Kenan House, which serves as the chancellor's home when it is not in the spotlight. Next door, Wise Alumni House appeared in the major motion picture *Golden!* and the TV movie *Black Magic*.

The university's ability to accommodate so many scenes makes it a valuable asset to the movie industry, said Johnny Griffin, director of the Wilmington Regional Film Commission. "Instead of having to build sets that look like colleges, high schools, private schools or other buildings, we already have them here."

However, having large-scale productions on campus may cause inconveniences. When agreeing to host such productions, the university has to consider potential disruption of classes and activities, parking and catering arrangements, increased traffic and onsite security.

"We look at the scope of the project and the location itself on campus. We let them know what our conditions are and negotiate from there," Boyd said.

"Film companies respect that the university is trying to give an education and works around obstacles to let us film," Griffin noted. "I think it is a wonderful way that the university gives back."

Ed Wagenseller, professional actor and UNCW theater lecturer, believes the positives outweigh the negatives. "Filming here shows off the beauty of our campus. It shows filmmakers the diversity of campus and the scope of locations."

The national exposure for the school is another advantage of filming. Wagenseller said people still visit the campus to see "Dawson's Creek" locations firsthand.

Tourists are not the only star-struck visitors to UNCW. Many potential students are drawn in by the glamour of attending class in buildings from scenes of popular television shows and movies.

Direct exposure to the professional filmmaking process provides a unique learning experience available to UNCW film studies students due in part to the legacy left by Frank Capra Jr., one of the department's founders.

Wagenseller uses filming on campus as a learning opportunity for his acting students. "People have this idea that acting is glamorous work. It is anything but! Of the eight hours on set, six are the most boring hours of your life, but the two hours when you actually do something make it worth it," he observed.

"The Simpsons" producer and writer Don Payne, award-winning New York director and screenwriter Ira Sacks and documentary filmmaker Judith Helfand are among the professionals who have offered their expertise to students in the classroom as instructors and through presentations as part of the Moviemakers and Scholars Series.

Alumni of the program are making names for themselves securing industry positions across the country and abroad, from camera operators to founders of production companies.

Jessica Buchanan '05 coordinates studio film test screenings for the Los Angeles-based Nielsen Research Group. Previously, she interned with the Braun Entertainment Group in Beverly Hills. In the Port City, **Nate Daniel '07**, with Legion Production Services, edited a behind-the-scenes special feature segment for the upcoming "One Tree Hill" DVD release.

The excellence of UNCW's Film Studies Department was recognized by The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. The academy, impressed with the work of UNCW students, awarded scholarships to assist with traveling and living costs for students completing internships in Los Angeles.

Department chair Lou Buttino established the connection with the academy several years ago.

"I wanted internships in Los Angeles so we were not solely dependent upon Wilmington for them, but also to give our students a shot at a job," Buttino said. Competition for this award was high, and receiving it places UNCW among the best film schools in the nation, he noted.

Nelson Oliver, center, directs a scene from *The Red Cape*.

Stellar student achievement

Nelson Oliver '08 has dreamed of being a filmmaker since age seven.

More than a decade later, he is now one of the most active participants in UNCW's Film Studies Department.

Oliver has served as the director of photography on five short films already, but his biggest accomplishment so far is his current project: *The Red Cape*. Oliver recreated the 1898 Wilmington race riot for this short film, and it has proven to be a groundbreaking endeavor.

He is the first student to direct using 35mm film. The elaborate set included two stories, a controlled burn, horses, carriages, guns, 100 period costumes and the actors to fill those costumes. Oliver has also surpassed the highest budget student film to date. Previously, the highest budget student film totaled $12,000.

"This short film is now at $30,000. This is truly an incredible feat," Oliver said.

Oliver attributes this experience to UNCW's film studies program.

"UNC Wilmington has a unique opportunity no other schools have" Oliver said, describing the generosity of the film industry in Wilmington and the relationship the university has with the industry. He also expressed appreciation for UNCW's "stellar faculty" and their continued support.

The Red Cape should be completed within a year and has drawn the attention of several organizations, including the North Carolina Museum of History and the Cape Fear Museum.

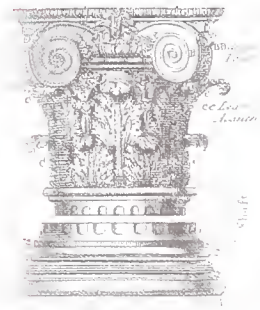
Campus Architecture:

Designing the future, echoing the past

by Brenda Riegel

Roman Corinthian column (Kenan House)

photo/illustration (Jamie Moncrief)



Since 2000, eight state-of-the art buildings and two apartment complexes have been built at UNCW. Keeping a consistent design standard so the new buildings blend into the existing campus has been a priority, but not always easy to do.

Over the years, members of the university's board of trustees, who are tasked with upholding the unique character of UNCW, have held some lively discussions. In fact, one recent project, Seahawk Landing, was sent back to the architects for revision so that the final design was more in keeping with the classic Georgian style.

So exactly what is Georgian architecture, why is it so important at UNCW and is it practical for the university's future?

"Georgian architecture is a subset of classical architecture. It is the fusion of the high architectural styles of ancient Greece and the brilliance of Roman engineering," said James Ross, university architect.

Georgian architecture is marked by an emphasis on proportion and balance. Its symmetry is based on mathematical ratios.

According to the university's master plan, "throughout the campus, the predominant architectural style – from important buildings to lowly utility structures is Georgian. The overall consistency of brick fenestration and roof treatment provides one of the more memorable and pleasing aspects of campus."

"We continue the tradition of modified Georgian architecture to perpetuate the charm of our campus. We have a consistent, unified look, and newcomers comment favorably on that," said Ty Rowell, assistant to the chancellor for special projects and unofficial university historian.

When the 600 or so acres that are now the main campus were purchased in the late 1950s, architects were hired by the board of trustees to design the original three buildings, Hoggard, James and Alderman halls. The plans first presented were very modern. Trustees Fred Graham and

Raiford Trask opposed the modern architectural style and convinced the board to reject those plans in favor of a more classic, academic style.

"It took real vision to establish a Georgian college campus in the middle of what was then a commercial pine forest," said Rowell.

In keeping with that vision, most buildings display classical elements that represent UNCW's modified Georgian architectural style.

Columns, ubiquitous on campus, come in five main styles: Corinthian, Ionic, Doric, Temple of the Winds and Tuscan. Excellent examples of the elaborate Corinthian columns are found on Kenan House, while Temple of the Winds columns adorn Hoggard and Alderman halls. Wise Alumni House features Ionic columns, and Shinn Plaza is accented by the Doric version. The simpler Tuscan style is prevalent on newer buildings, including the Cultural Arts Building.

The classical, columnar structure that connects Morton and Leutze halls is sometimes referred to as "The Gates." It was modeled after the Propylaea, a freestanding building which serves as the gateway to the Acropolis in Greece.

Andrea Palladio, a Renaissance architect whose work inspired some of the finest classical buildings in Europe and the United States, often used arched openings, and the Palladian window is named for him. Westside Hall and Fisher University Union feature brick arches, while buildings such as the Computer Information Systems Building display arched windows.

In colonial America, the most common Georgian building materials were brick and stone. Often, red brick walls were contrasted with white trim, cornices and detailed porticos. All major buildings on campus hearken back to those early American traditions. Many also feature Flemish bond masonry. This short-long-short brick style creates a subtle yet elegant texture distinction over more ordinary brick styles.

While the key elements of Georgian architecture are easily identified and incorporated into university building designs, there has been considerable discussion about the ability to maintain the styles' classic proportion and symmetry in buildings taller than two stories. Increasing building capacity through raising building heights while also reducing building footprints is necessary to best utilize available land and to use it in a more sustainable fashion.

According to Koss, it is not only possible to have modified Georgian buildings of more than two stories, there is historical precedent. He points to classic structures such as The Rotunda at the University of Virginia. Built in 1826, it is a stately – and multi-storied – academic building that originally housed the university's library. St. Peter's Basilica and Buckingham Palace are European examples of classical, yet multi-storied buildings.

Since the 1959 Wilmington College Board of Trustees established modified Georgian architecture as the style of this campus, it has taken the will of the chancellors and the strength of successive trustees to guide and maintain this consistency of design.

"It doesn't happen by accident," said Rowell. "It happens by determined will, vigilance and direction."

Winston Churchill once said, "We shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us." So while UNC Wilmington's architecture echoes the classical, historical past, its programs and initiatives will take the lessons learned from the past to address the present and future needs of students, the state and the world.

Greek Corinthian (Temple of the Winds)

Doric

Tuscan

Flemish bond masonry

Ionic (Wise Alumni House)

Jamie Mancinel

A delicate balance:
growth and natural resources

As it grows, the university must find a balance between development necessary to meet its primary academic mission and conservation efforts to protect its natural resources.

A report issued in May by the Campus Environmental Stewardship Committee recognized the importance of the university's natural resources to the campus and broader community.

"In many respects they are just as valuable as the buildings. In fact, our natural areas are critical to the educational mission of UNCW by providing a living classroom for many of our departments," the report stated.

The committee was formed by Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo in response to environmental concerns surrounding the health and management of natural areas and the growth of the university, particularly construction of Seahawk Crossing, four three-story residential buildings accommodating 662 students, and a four-level parking garage.

Before construction began, the university obtained all required state and local approvals and actually went beyond required measures, voluntarily embarking on a wildlife relocation project. Nine southeastern five-lined skinks, 51 southern toads, 77 wolf spiders and 261 North American millipedes were moved from the construction site into the adjacent undisturbed forest. Larger animals, such as foxes and birds, were expected to naturally move into the undisturbed area.

The committee studied the campus in general as well as 335 acres of natural areas including the main campus forest, the Bluethenthal Wildflower Preserve, the Ev-Henwood property in Brunswick County and the Broadfoot property along Middle Sound in New Hanover County.

Among the recommendations were:

- immediately addressing the importance of prescribed burns for forest management.
- establishing a core conservation area of forest on campus.
- developing and implementing a campus-wide storm water plan, with the possibility of using storm water for irrigation or to benefit wetlands.
- continuing opposition to any proposed extension of Randall Drive, as well as a city/county multi-use path transecting the forested area.

University administrators are reviewing the committee's recommendations. The full report is available online at **www.uncw.edu/sustainability**.

This committee is a subcommittee of the broader UNCW Sustainability Committee. Roger Shew, subcommittee co-chair and professor of geology and geography and environmental science, put the issues in sharp focus: "UNCW as a sustainable campus is certainly within reach if we can all work together."

by Brenda Riegel

Shawna Lesseur '08 came to UNCW with a keen interest in learning. Thanks to an inspiring professor, a visionary donor and a university program that supports undergraduate research, she discovered her dreams and made them a reality.

Literally researching her future

By Melissa Watson

"UNCW is a place of endless opportunities thanks to the generous support of donors like Mr. Charles E. Green III '71," she said. "The faculty in the English department go above and beyond to help students be successful. UNCW prepared me for my future and helped me fight for my dreams."

Lesseur graduated in May as an accomplished scholar with a graduate teaching fellowship and full scholarship at the University of Connecticut.

Discovery: Literary research

Encouraged by English professor Keith Newlin, Lesseur delved into a thesis for the Departmental Honors Program, which gives undergraduates the chance to work with faculty on graduate level research projects in their major field.

She focused on the works of Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953), a four-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the only American playwright to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. His best-known plays include *Mourning Becomes Electra* and *Long Day's Journey into Night*.

Opportunity: Scholarship, research and travel fellowships

Lesseur received the Louise Jackson Green Scholarship and the Michael D. Wentworth Student Travel Fellowship, created and funded by Green, a dedicated donor who supports 30 different funds at UNCW. She also benefited from the Center for Support of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CSURF), funded by the university. (See sidebar for more information.)

"If it were not for the Louise Jackson Green scholarship, I may not have been able to graduate in the spring," Lesseur said. "That scholarship covered all of my college expenses and let me remain a full-time student."

The research and travel funds covered trips to England, Scotland and New England, including an American Literature Association (ALA) Conference in Boston.

"The various places I traveled to helped me appreciate the literature I am researching, the work of scholarship, and the passion of writing and teaching in unique ways," she said. "I developed a stronger sense of self confidence in diverse situations and an appreciation for cultures that I could never have learned from a classroom setting alone."

Reality: Dreams do come true

At the ALA conference, Lesseur met O'Neill scholar Robert Dowling, who later invited her to write four pieces for his encyclopedia, *A Critical Companion to Eugene O'Neill*.

"The research and travel fellowships and scholarship made my education," Lesseur said. "The honors experience made me feel like my degree truly symbolized a life achievement."

CSURF: Creating Waves of Opportunity for Students

www.uncw.edu/CSURF

"Offering students opportunities to participate in research and creative activities in their majors is a hallmark of UNCW and a key way that our university creates powerful learning environments." – *Kate Bruce, director of the Honors Scholars Program and psychology professor*

The CSURF Undergraduate Research Travel Fellowship – 2007-08 funding from the university: $35,000. Awards given: 77 to students in 13 departments. Goal: Help students visit locations relevant to their research and present their findings at conferences, symposiums, etc.

The CSURF Undergraduate Research Fellowship – A prestigious program for juniors and seniors; approximately five to eight students receive awards each year. Renamed in May 2008 for Paul E. Hosier, former provost, biology professor and advocate for undergraduate research.

Other Activities – Co-sponsor, with Honors Scholars Program, of campus undergraduate research showcases and the Colonial Academic Alliance Undergraduate Research Conference in

April 2007; co-sponsor with the honors program to send students to a variety of research showcases; prepare professional-quality posters for students' presentations.

Entrepreneurial philanthropy

www.uncw.edu/advancement

"We don't have a cookie-cutter approach to fundraising at UNCW. We have a great willingness to partner with donors, to combine their ideas and our expertise to create something wonderful to benefit students." – *Eddie Stuart, senior development director*

The Michael D. Wentworth Student Travel Fellowship emerged from discussions between donor Charles Green and a former chair of the English department. They wanted to make literature more relevant to students by helping them travel to the locations where authors lived and wrote or the settings featured in their works.

Green wants his gifts to inspire in students "substantial and life-enriching" interests in literature, history, classical music and other subjects. In Lesseur's case, his generosity helped her find an avocation. She plans to become an English professor.

"I will always think of Mr. Green as family," she said. "He is truly interested in the research, travel, goals and lives of the students he helps."

Make a difference

Support from scholarships, fellowships and programs like CSURF make the UNCW experience extraordinary. Donors are a big part of that experience. Think about creating a legacy at UNCW. You will definitely make a difference in students' lives, now and in the years to come. Contact University Advancement at **910.962.3751** to discuss your gift ideas with a development officer.

Gift adds 'flavor' to aquarium project

Thanks to **Adam Mangino '01, '05M** the 2007 senior class gift graduated from a freshwater aquarium to a saltwater tank.

Mangino, a research and development specialist with Oceans, Reefs and Aquariums (ORA), heard about the project from his former biology and marine biology professor, Ileana Clavijo. ORA, based in Florida, seeks to conserve wild reef habitats and offer customers and hobbyists an aquaculture alternative to wild-collected fish.

"Providing the fish for the 2007 senior class gift project is a great way to give back to my alma mater and to educate students on the importance of buying aquacultured marine fish and corals," Mangino said. "It really means a lot to me and is a great way for me to honor my former professors, Dr. Clavijo and Dr. Wade Watanabe and my former employer, John Stout at Tropical Paradise." Tropical Paradise, based in Wilmington, is the aquarium vendor.

Chris Faulkner '08, senior class president, said "A saltwater tank is what the seniors really wanted but, due to cost constraints, we did not find it feasible. Adam's contribution is evidence that alumni support really does make a difference on our campus."

The 200-gallon aquarium is installed in Randall Library. More than 440 seniors contributed to the university this year, raising more than $9,600 to support the aquarium and other areas on campus. The Student Government Association contributed $3,500 to the aquarium project to offset the library's future maintenance costs.

Professorship to attract nursing faculty

A $1 million endowed distinguished professorship was established in April to recruit and retain outstanding faculty for the School of Nursing.

Irwin "Ike" Belk, a Charlotte business executive and higher education advocate, contributed $417,000, enabling the university to receive $250,000 from the C.D. Spangler Foundation of Charlotte and $333,000 from North Carolina's Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund, to endow the Irwin "Ike" Belk Distinguished Professorship.

"Nursing faculty are the key to solving the nursing shortage in North Carolina," said Virginia W. Adams, former dean of the UNCW School of Nursing. "The number of students that we may accept is directly related to the number of faculty we have. That's why Mr. Belk's gift is so critical."

Belk's contributions to UNC Wilmington include Bryan Auditorium in Morton Hall and a recently commissioned Seahawk statue for the campus. Work is underway to design and develop the statue by sculptor Jon Hair of Cornelius, N.C. Belk served 28 years on the governing boards of the UNC system; UNCW joined the system during his tenure. Belk Hall, a women's residence hall on campus, is named for his mother, Mary Lenora Irwin Belk.

The UNC Wilmington Alumni Association hosted its annual Grand Slam Jam in May before the Seahawks baseball squad battled Old Dominion University.

UNCW Alumni Association: we're here for you

Staying involved with your alma mater is more than just reading this magazine, framing your diploma or even visiting campus for a ball game. It is about doing all of those things, and more, to maintain your connections to UNCW and to share your Seahawk spirit with classmates and friends. The alumni association invites you to stay involved with the university and gives you many opportunities to join other Seahawks to remember and celebrate the UNCW experience.

What's new
for 2008-09?

Building partnerships on campus – The UNCW Alumni Association wants to make sure alumni have many opportunities to interact with current students, faculty and staff when they return to campus for Fall Alumni Weekend and Homecoming. The alumni relations staff is working with departments across campus to team up for major events. The goal: to offer you a full slate of activities from a departmental reception or a Greek picnic to an alumni celebration.

Strengthening chapters and clubs – To truly soar, the UNCW Alumni Association wants to expand its programs and services beyond campus. The goal: to bring the university's outstanding professors, coaches and students to your community and to give Seahawks a reason to gather no matter where they live.

Although our 48,000 alumni live in locales around the world, more than 10,000 reside in the Cape Fear region. Thousands of others have flocked to the Raleigh-Durham area, Greensboro and Charlotte. With such concentrations of Seahawks, the alumni association plans to focus on those areas first.

If you would like more information on chapters or alumni events in your area, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 910.962.2682.

Focusing on reunions – This year, the association plans to focus on creating several meaningful reunions for our alumni and friends. The goal: to bring you and your friends back to campus and to connect you with alumni who have similar interests in UNCW.

Interested in learning about future reunions? Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 910.962.2682.

Jamie Munchel

stayconnected

In addition to this magazine, the university produces a monthly e-newsletter, "Seahawk Spotlight." To receive this publication, send your name and e-mail address to alumni@uncw.edu. As always, visit www.uncw.edu for the latest information on the university and www.uncw.edu/alumni for updates on alumni events, programs and services.

save the date

Fall Alumni Weekend/Family Weekend Oct. 17-18

The alumni association will hold its Fall Alumni Weekend in conjunction with Family Weekend. Make plans to visit campus – you won't believe how things have changed in just the past five years – for a weekend of games, activities and fun.

Homecoming 2009

The dates haven't been set yet, but you won't want to miss Homecoming 2009. If you only make it back to campus once a year, this is the time to come. Activities include basketball games, a Tealgate and the annual presentation of the UNCW Alumni Association Awards.

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LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

At first glance, **Tim Duncan '73** seems like an unlikely investor in a rock-and-roll park. He wears understated glasses and has neatly trimmed gray hair, but his heart beats to a risk-taker's drum.

An accountant who owns his own firm in Myrtle Beach, Duncan and other local financiers first thought of building a theme park a few years ago as they researched development ideas for large tracts of property they owned along U.S. 501 near the coast. They teamed up with Hard Rock Café International (USA) Inc., broke ground in July 2006 and opened the 55-acre, $400 million park less than two years later in late April.

With eye-catching design – from an enormous Gibson guitar beside the lake and Led Zeppelin - The Ride's 120-foot loop to the "gods of rock" fresco in the entry plaza – and big-name musical acts – Kid Rock, Sister Hazel and grand opening headliners the Eagles and the Moody Blues – a day at Hard Rock Park promises to be a memorable experience.

The park includes more than 50 rides and attractions, many equipped with state-of-the-art technology; it is the first major theme park constructed in the United States in nearly a decade.

Duncan is a member of the UNCW Foundation Board of Directors and the father of senior Ginny Duncan. He doesn't have a favorite ride or restaurant or shop. Instead, he is proud of the entire park, which could bring as many as 3,000 jobs to the area.

1960s

Marion W. Piner '60 and his wife Ladee are musicians with the DM Concert Band. They reside in Urbandale, Iowa.

1970s

Kenneth H. Hemenway II '77 and **Peggy Hill Hemenway '77** both retired from Wayne County Public Schools in 2007.

1980s

Phil Robinson '80 is employed by Sawgrass Technologies Inc. in Mount Pleasant, S.C., as project leader for developing new ink products.

Lou Ann Mims '81, '03M is the director of the Wrightsville Beach Museum of History

David S. Lee '82 completed a self-directed study of the Hawaiian Islands, focusing on tropical fish behavior, humpback whale breeding grounds and catching a few waves. He is the regional permit coordinator for the N C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Raleigh

After more than 20 years working as an addictions counselor in Wilmington, **JoAnne Macco Likens '82** began a private practice in counseling and hypnotherapy, specializing in smoking cessation, weight loss, stress management and relationship issues. The Web site for Serenity Counseling and Hypnotherapy is www.serenityquest.net.

Sherry L. Matthews '82 is general manager of *The Sampson Independent*, a daily newspaper in eastern North Carolina. She is writing a novel based on a murder that occurred in Clinton in the 1980s.

Vertha Dixon-Wright '83 was the 2008 recipient of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Pat Gainey Award, which recognizes excellence in character, achievement and coaching. She is head coach of the girl's basketball team at New Hanover High School.

Deborah Roseboro Lorris '83 graduated in May 2007 with a Master of Science in Nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at the Medical University of South Carolina Hospital.

Jackie Nichols '84, an English teacher at Laney High School in Wilmington, was one of four Teachers of the Month who in February 2008 were given a new Chevrolet Malibu, along with free gas fill-ups, for one month.

A meteorologist with NASA, **Sterling Ashby '85** received a commendation from the Johnson Space Center for Outstanding Weather Support during the space shuttle landing in April 2008.

John A. Lasley '85 of Pembroke Pines, Fla., works for Science Applications International Corporation in support of U.S. Southern Command requirements and activities throughout Central and South America. He also owns a security consulting firm that provides a wide range of aerial and ground surveillance consulting to contractors, the U.S. Department of Defense and foreign governments.

Cdr. **John E. Pasch '86** achieved Level III Certification as a Department of Defense acquisition professional program manager.

Alex Smith '86 was appointed branch manager of OTC-Glasgow Hicks Insurance Agency.

Tracy Mills Barnard '87 is the co-owner of Bon-Bons Jewelry in Greensboro and is happy that her son Erik will be attending UNCW in the fall.

James C. Dean '87 completed the Certified Financial Planner course offered through the UNCW Cameron School of Business in May 2007 and was awarded the CFP® designation in October 2007. He is an investment management consultant with Raymond James Financial Services in Wilmington and works with his brother, **Tracy Dean '90**

Jeffrey Rogers '87 is a third- and fourth-grade math remediation teacher at Liberty Elementary School in Randolph County. He is pursuing a master's degree in education at North Carolina A&T University.

Todd L. Brady '88 is a church planter in Fayetteville and the lead pastor of The River Community Church. His wife Angela is a broker with World Properties International and children's ministry director at The River.

Paul Verzaal '88 is a fraud and arson investigator for the Wilmington Police Department and also performs polygraph examinations. He is a member of the American Polygraph Association, N.C International Association of Arson Investigators and the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators.

Sheila Whitmeyer '88 is a first-grade teacher assistant at Anderson Elementary School in Wilmington. She is also an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics

Kevin T. Colaner '89 is the associate vice president for student services at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He was profiled in Kirk Snyder's book, *The G Quotient: Why Gay Executives Are Excelling as Leaders and What Every Manager Needs to Know.*

Kimberly Tuttle Gray '89 is the principal of Don D. Steed Elementary School in Raeford.

James E. Richardson '89 is the Birmingham, Ala , market president for Wachovia.

Jay Wolfe '89 is director of research with Legacy Sports Group in Newport Beach, Calif. His duties include baseball contract analysis, historical statistical analysis and arbitration case preparation.

1990s

First Flight High School principal **Arty Tillett '90** was named Northeast Region 2008 Wachovia Principal of the Year in the annual recognition sponsored by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, the Principal's Executive Program and Wachovia Corp.

Linda Porter Good '91 added music to her teaching license and now teaches about 1,000 K-5 students at Melvin Honeycutt Elementary School in Fayetteville.

David Scott '91 is a community counseling program coordinator and assistant professor at Clemson University

Michael Williams '91 was promoted to captain with the Cary Police Department and serves as commander for the Investigations and Family Service Division. **Marshae Jones Williams '94** is a regional accountant with Gypsum Management Company.

Brian Farmer '92, president of advisory services at Coldwell Banker Commercial TradeMark Properties, received the 2008 Silver Circle of Distinction award. The award is based on closed adjusted gross commission income for the previous year and presented to Coldwell Banker Commercial sales associates nationwide.

Kirsten Geiger Michel '92 started her own business as destination planner and writer.

Robert E. Sherry '92 is an insurance fraud surveillance investigator with Global Options Group, serving the East Coast from New York to Florida. He is an expert in surveillance and undercover tactics.

Alden P. Blake '93 is a technical recruiter with TEKsystems, and **Shelly Read Blake '95** is an attorney with Blake and Vernon. They reside in Raleigh

John "Herge" Blake '93 is the branch manager for Robert Half International's Officeteam and Accountemps Divisions in Greensboro.

Jeffrey B. Rivenbark '93 is the television news assignment manager with WBTV News 3 in Charlotte.

Christopher S. Casieri '94M of Titusville, N.J., is an associate in the Intellectual Property Law Group with the law firm of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, PA

Patrick Kay '94 is a manager of Accenture, a global leader of consulting, outsourcing and strategy work. He resides in Huntersville.

Ganon Baker '95 is the owner of Ganon Baker Basketball Services and travels worldwide conducting personal and team training as well as camps and clinics. He has more than 25 top-selling basketball DVDs focused on drills and basketball training techniques. His Web site is www.ganonbakerbasketball.com.

Jay E. Barker '95, owner and president of the J.E.B International Tobacco Co., was recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of business administration.

Thomas E. Hancock '95M will complete his Ph.D. in biology at Wake Forest University during summer 2008. He is a visiting biology instructor at Salem College.

Livian Jones '95M was named vice president of John S. Clark Company, LLC. She will oversee business acquisitions out of the Mount Airy-based general construction company's Wilmington office.

Carlton V. Metts '95 was promoted to center supervisor for the City of New Bern Parks and Recreation Department.

Laura R. Owen '95 is homeschooling her three children and is a pianist for Trinity Baptist Church in Fayetteville, where her husband Joshua is pastor. In May 2008, he defended his Doctorate of Divinity from Southeastern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

F. Glenn Pleasant '95 is the first through fifth grade administrator at Myrtle Grove Christian School, where his wife, **Angela Pridgen Pleasant '95**, teaches sixth grade science and advanced math, and their two children are enrolled

Donna Hentosh Williams '95, '00M opened Fitwize 4 Kids, a healthy lifestyle center for kids combining fitness and nutrition in the Leland area **J. Daniel Williams '96** is vice president/business banker with Woodlands Bank

Chris Bartosik '96 is the manager of application development with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. He and his wife, **Dana Warwick Bartosik '97**, reside in Cary.

Cpt. **Jones H. Blakely III '96** was deployed as a combat advisor to the Afghan National Army in Afghanistan

Lisa Witmer Hedgecock '96 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in post secondary and adult education at Capella University. She works in customer service and sales with Citigroup in McLeansville.

Shannon L. Hillard '96 and **Jesse C. Gaither '96** have purchased a historic mini-farm in Oregania, Ohio. Shannon handles national accounts for Crate Farm, and Jesse is the vice president of operations for Wilson Buildings.

A former tennis player, **Eric Johnson '96** is still active in state and regional tournaments. He works in sales with Europa Sports Products.

Gregory Leimone '96 is the regional operations/sales manager for Elsag North America Law Enforcement Systems, the leading manufacturer of Automated License Plate Recognition.

Gabe Salazar '96, '06M is a bilingual clinician at Coastal Horizons' Pender County office, which offers substance abuse and mental health counseling for Hispanics.

Christian Pace Verzaal '96 is an ice skating instructor and marketing assistant.

Tony '97 and **Jennifer DiLullo Butler '95** established Hope from Helen Inc., a non-profit charity that supports local and global organizations dedicated to health, education, animals, the environment and individuals and families in need. In addition, the couple owns/operates www.wblivesurf.com. Every July they sponsor the nationally recognized Reef/Sweetwater Pro-Am Surf Fest.

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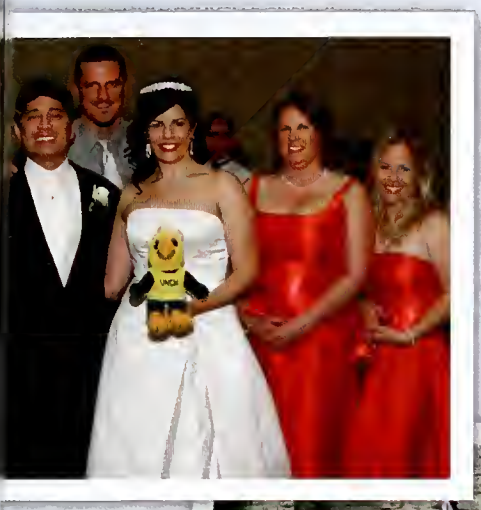

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Kia Hendrix Countess '97 graduated from Walden University in April 2008 with a Master of Science in Nursing. She is a registered nurse with Intelistaf and resides in Huntsville, Ala.

Kathleen King McMillan '97 retired in June 2007 from teaching with the Onslow County Schools. She now tutors part-time and enjoys time with her grandchildren. **Edward S. McMillan '95** is an ATM deposit puller with Pendum

A certified yoga instructor, **Loryn Schiraldo '97** is an account director with Aquent in New York, N.Y.

Rhonda Teachey Thompson '97 is a registered nurse for Hanover Medical Specialists.

Kara Fuchs Gansmann '98 graduated in May 2007 from the University of North Dakota School of Law, earning a Juris Doctor degree with distinction. She is a briefing attorney for the State of Texas 14th Court of Appeals in Houston.

Summer Watson Taylor '98 is the lead dog/creative director for Good Dog/Bad Dog Creative Design Inc. in Brandon, Fla.

Jennifer K. Bell '99M is an assistive technology specialist for Clark County Schools in Kentucky.

Dawn Hodges '99, language arts teacher at Wilmington Academy of Arts and Sciences, was a finalist for Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award by the N.C. Association for the Gifted and Talented. Hodges is the co-founder of WAAS.

JoAnna S. Mayer '99 is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Duke University.

Holly Higgins Wilcher '99 is the early childhood mental health educator with the Smart Start Colorado Office of Professional Development in Denver

2000s

Jennifer Owens Durham '00 graduated in May 2008 from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill with a Master of Public Health leadership degree. **David Durham '00** is an associate pastor with First Baptist Church of Elon

Gilbert A. Payette '00 volunteers as a naturalist at the Sabine Canyon Recreational Area of the Santa Catalina Mountains in the Coronado National Forest. He also is a storyteller and spirit program provider for Canyon Ranch Resort. His Web site is www.storyteller.net/tellers/gpayette.

Ioulia Koukourouzova Boxley '01 is the owner and area director of Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services in New Hanover County.

William Edgar Jr. '01, vice president and commercial loan officer with First Carolina State Bank, is the first recipient of the Weldone "Red" Kimball Award given to employees whose hard work and dedication is judged by management to be exemplary.

Erica Livingston '01 had the lead role in the first national tour of the sketch comedy, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*.

Danielle Becktame Richaret '01 is the co-founder of the non-profit Sustainable Schools Initiative.

John P. Van Zandt IV '01 teaches English at a local private high school, Sagrados Corazones de Manquehue, in Santiago, Chile.

Charles Beckwith '02 directed *Three Wishes*, part of the Curan Repertory Company's Notes from the Underground Festival at the Payan Theater in the Roy Arias Theatre Center, New York City. He is an editorial photographer in the fashion industry and is producing a photography-focused radio series called Light and Gravity. His Web site is www.charles-beckwith.com.

Charles C. Blanton '02 was elected to a second term as president of the Young Democrats of New Hanover County and serves as vice chair for youth development with the New Hanover County Democratic Party. He is a sales account manager with Castle Branch Inc.

Gregory G. Eppard '02 graduated in May 2008 from the UNC School of Medicine and will specialize in obstetrics and gynecology.

Zach A. Galloway '02 earned status in the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and is a planner for the City of Tallahassee.

John Rogers '02 is an applications developer with Signal, a design, marketing and technology firm in Wilmington.

Shared journey different paths

by Emily Jones '09

The journey for **J.R. and Peggy Shute** began 25 years ago while they were students at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Their shared passion for aquatic life led the couple to work with rare freshwater fishes in Lake Waccamaw and guided them into a lifelong dedication to the preservation of imperiled fishes throughout the Southeast.

After they graduated from UNCW in 1977 with bachelor's degrees in biology, they followed different paths of aquatic work, yet both remained devoted to preserving endangered species.

"I can't imagine doing anything else at this point. Much of this work requires years to see any real results, so a brief commitment is not very practical anyway!" J.R. stated.

He became involved in an endangered fish restoration project in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which ultimately lead to the development of a non-profit organization in 1992, Conservation Fisheries. The group's mission is to restore fish populations that have been destroyed due to pollution or habitat destruction. Today the organization includes a 5,000 sq. ft. hatchery in Knoxville, Tenn., which is dedicated to propagating rare and endangered fishes. The association also surveys local streams and rivers to monitor the health of rare fish populations and produces an electronic newsletter that educates the public on their aquatic endeavors.

"Conservation Fisheries has been instrumental in the recovery of several rare and endangered fishes in the southeastern U.S. The restoration of three federally protected fishes into Abrams Creek in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park would have to rank pretty high as one of our greatest accomplishments," J.R. said.

The organization has assisted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and Forest Service, World Wildlife Fund and Nature Conservancy in their efforts to protect endangered wildlife. Policy makers use its widely recognized, non-invasive monitoring techniques to refine water quality standards for rivers and streams throughout the U.S. The association is continuing to work on restoring additional fishes in other streams.

It has won several awards throughout the years including the 2007 National Fisheries and Habitat Conservation Award, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the 2006 River Champions Award, Tennessee Clean Water Network.

Peggy Shute took a different route in her dedication to aquatic life.

She is the manager of the Tennessee Valley Authority Heritage Resources, which is responsible for TVA's compliance with the Endangered Species Act and wetlands regulations and the National Environmental Policy Act. They assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed TVA projects and operations, help identify lands appropriate for inclusion in the TVA Natural Areas system (help in managing those natural areas), and monitor populations of endangered species found on TVA lands.

For her constant dedication and support she received two excellence awards: the 2007 Environmental Excellence Award for Management Commitment and the 2007 Environmental Excellence of the Year Award.

J.R. and Peggy Shute have dedicated their lives to the aquatic world, to which they have both been deeply devoted for years. They continue to rescue, restore and protect endangered species everyday with the same amount of passion they shared when they were students at UNCW.

Amber McCormick '02 received Certified Financial Planner® certification in 2007. She is a financial planning consultant with Fidelity Investments in Charlotte.

Erin Watkins '02 is the national accounts coordinator with Verizon Wireless in Wilmington.

Mary Lee Whitfield '02 received a master's degree in elementary education from East Carolina University as well as a license to teach academically gifted children. She is a kindergarten teacher with Duplin County Schools.

Grant W. Foster '03 is enrolled in the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, Calif.

Rocky Mount Telegram sports editor **Ben Jones '03** and his staff, which includes **Jessie H. Nunery '03**, received second-place honors for overall sports coverage at the N. C. Press Association's 2007 news, editorial and photojournalism contest.

Renae Lopez Harris '03 is a health educator with the State of North Carolina.

Christin Mizelle '03 graduated in May 2008 with a Master of Fine Arts in film and television producing from Chapman University in Orange County, Calif.

Adrienne Parker '03 is the family services and volunteer coordinator with Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne County.

Belinda F. Simmons '03 teaches first grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Leland.

Abbey Wade '03 completed work on the feature film *The 27 Club*, which made its international debut at New York City's Tribeca Film Festival. She lives in Davidson with her husband **Garrett Droege '02** and son Henry.

Brandon Williams '03 is a mortgage loan officer with NC Bank Mortgage, a division of New Century Bank, in Clinton.

Ross C. Adams '04 was one of four New Hanover County Teachers of the Month who in February 2008 were given a new Chevrolet Malibu, along with free gas fill-ups, for one month. He teaches mathematics at Ashley High School.

Rebecka Brasso '04 is teaching at Randolph Community College after earning a Master of Science degree at the College of William and Mary. She is a co-author of the article "The Movement of Aquatic Mercury Through Terrestrial Food Webs" due to be published in *Science*, a research publication.

Kristen Brigner '04 is a park ranger at Goose Creek State Park. Her responsibilities include law enforcement as well as educating groups about the environment.

Kimberly Hills Carpenter '04 is pursuing a Ph.D. in neurobiology at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. **Eric Carpenter '02** is employed with Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Chapel Hill.

Janice Ragins Cooper '04 is the marketing administrator for Mid-Illini Credit Union in Bloomington, Ill.

Erika S. Veth '04 graduated in May 2008 with a Master of Arts degree in English literature from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is working at the university as an adjunct faculty.

Elizabeth H. Bordeaux '05 earned a master's degree in history from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 2007 and is pursuing a master's degree in library science at North Carolina Central University. She is a pre-GED test and prep instructor at Cape Fear Community College.

Cam Connelly '05 is a field underwriter with Hughes & Associates Insurance Agency. His Web site is CamConnelly.mymedicalquotes.com.

Joanne M. Gold '05 is enrolled in pharmacy school at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Jackie Harmon '05 is an oyster restoration specialist with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Phillip A. Maxwell '05 was promoted to national training manager for the Home Depot account with General Electric Appliances in Louisville, Ky.

Terry Thorpe Rose '05 graduated in May 2008 with a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Bethany S. Smith '05 of Kernersville is in Albania working with health education professionals and local teachers to promote preventative health education and introduce new teaching techniques and methods.

A sixth grade teach at Shallotte Middle School, **Michelle Bennett '06M** was named Brunswick County Schools' Teacher of the Year.

Daniel Bifalco '06 will head the new Market Street Advisors office at Cape Fear Bank's Pine Valley branch. He is also an SEC-Registered Series 7 Representative.

James R. Hinkson '06M is an academic advisor in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member with the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Department of History.

Katherine Miller '06 is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Theological Seminary. This summer she is an intern at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

Melissa C. Oliver '06, a teacher with Johnston County Schools, received National Board Certification in December 2007.

Kai Oliver-Kurton '06 received a Silver Wing Award and a Silver Wing of Merit in the 2008 Mercury Awards for outstanding tactics used in public relations, presented by the South Carolina Public Relations Society of America. She is employed by Arcadia Publishing.

Rubyann Rodriguez '06 is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at East Carolina University.

Matt Collogan '07 is the environmental education coordinator at Airlie Gardens.

Sarah B. Rose '07 is enrolled in the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University.

Megan Walter '07 is an account executive in the marketing and advertising department of the Catevo Group in Raleigh.

Weddings

Gayle Hayes '85 and Ronald Woodcock on April 5, 2008. Gayle teaches business to sixth, seventh and eighth graders at Cape Fear Middle School.

Harry D. May II '87 and Lisa Land May on April 28, 2007. Harry is a pilot with Spirit Airlines. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Carmel Kenny '89 and Al Muncey on Jan. 11, 2008. Carmel is a social services coordinator for Heartland of Columbia.

Melissa A. Budzinski '94 and Darrell S. Coleman on Sept. 2, 2006. Melissa is a clinical services manager for Diamond Healthcare Corporation, a behavioral health management company in Richmond, Va.

Shannon C. Davis '94 and **Brian H. Cruz '96** on April 14, 2007. She is an account executive with WFMY TV in Greensboro, and he is store manager of a Starbucks in Elon. Joining them at the ceremony were George Kelley '92, '93, Tim Cordes '91, '97, Erin Isley Cordes '99, Angie Brooks-Comer '93 and Ryan Finch '96.

Kathleen Phelps '97 and Michael Bove on Dec. 15, 2007. Kathleen is an account executive for McClatchey Broadcasting.

Wendy E. Worsley '00 and Dennis A. Fullerton Jr. on May 10, 2008. They reside in Leland.

Margaret Conner '01 and Cameron Park on June 11, 2007. Margaret was promoted to logistics call center manager at La-Z-Boy and is certified as a supply chain professional. The couple resides in Dearborn, Mich.

Richard Truxillo '01 and Patty Spera on March 30, 2008. The couple resides in Roanoke, Va., where Richie is a resident physician at Carrillion Hospital.

Stephanie D. Brooks '02 and Jason P. Hawver on March 29, 2008. Stephanie is a Master of Fine Arts degree candidate at the University of North Texas.

Lindsey Campbell '02 and **Michael Holmes '04** on Sept. 2, 2007.

Julie Patterson '02 and Chad Landen on Nov. 7, 2007. Julie is an enrollment services assistant at Forsyth Technical Community College.

Melissa Reid '02 and **Trevor A. Smith '04** on April 14, 2007.

Brian Chambers '03 and Dana Metz on April 19, 2007. Brian is a planner for the City of Wilmington.

Sara M. Ellis '03 and Tom Sanborn on April 14, 2007. Sara was promoted to lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard. They reside in Jefferson, La.

Samantha Sanderlin '04 and Jarrod Page on Sept. 15, 2007. Samatha is a financial services officer with the State Employees Credit Union.

Rebecca Hergenroeder '05 and **Byron "Trey" King III '03** on Nov. 3, 2007. Trey is a sales agent with BB&T, and Rebecca is a registered nurse in the surgical/trauma intensive care unit at UNC Healthcare.

Martha M. Roth '05 and **Raymond T. Gephart III '06** on May 10, 2008.

Christy L. Chambers '06 and Cpl. Fredrick L. Willard on July 21, 2007. The couple resides in Raleigh.

William Swain '06 and Rebekah Cavenaugh on Nov. 17, 2007.

Alexis M. Trask '06 and **David B. Bostic '99** on May 3, 2008. Alexis is a registered nurse in the emergency department at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. David is a licensed contractor and operates Bostic Building Corporation.

Jessica M. Ingland '07 and **Daniel L. Joyner '05** on July 7, 2007. Jessica is the coordinator of advancement services with the Campbell University School of Pharmacy, and Daniel is the minister of families at Mt. Elam Baptist Church.

Births

To **Kimberly Holzer Larsen '86, '88M** and her husband Donald, a son, Daniel Hawthorne, on March 7, 2007. Kimberly is a fisheries biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Western Fisheries Research Center, in Seattle.

To **Chris '88** and **Carol Shooter Redmond '90**, a daughter, Taylor, on June 8, 2007. The couple's business, After School Karate Academy, offers daily karate instruction and academic tutoring for kindergarten through fifth grade in Wilmington.

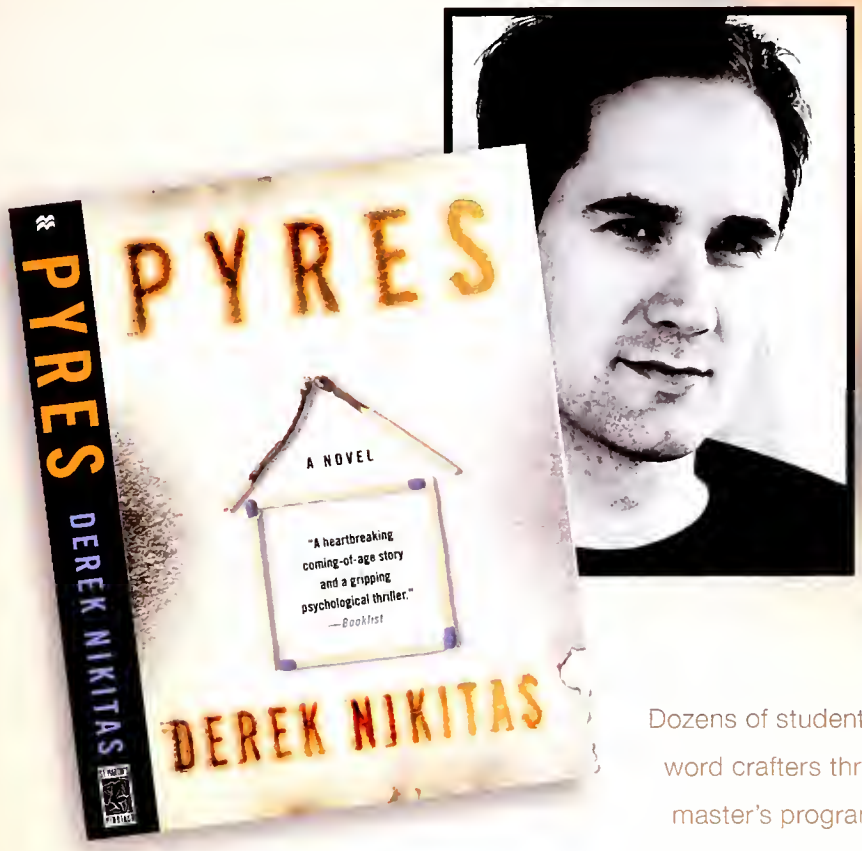
To **Deborah Jones Bowen '92** and her husband Chris, a son, Cole, on Aug. 25, 2007. Deborah is a kindergarten teacher with Wake County Schools.

To **Cheryl Barela Fekete '92** and her husband Michael, a son, Matthew Ryan on Feb. 11, 2008. Cheryl is a senior clinical project manager with ICON Clinical Research in Durham.

To **Christine Bricker Murphy '92** and her husband Rob, a daughter, Logan Nicole, on Aug. 15, 2007. Christine is an attorney with Gordon & Silver, Ltd. in Las Vegas, Nev.

To **William J. Wilson Jr. '92** and his wife Lindsay, twin sons, Benjamin Parker and Joseph Whitmire, on April 9, 2008.

To **James H. Ramsey '92** and his wife Carla, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth, on Sept. 9, 2007. James is a supervisor for Southeastern Freight Lines in Raleigh.



Dozens of students have become superior word crafters through UNCW's creative writing master's program. They have written several books and received prestigious literary awards. One prime example of the talent that emerges from this stellar program is **Derek Nikitas '00** author of *Pyres*, which was nominated for the prestigious 2008 Edgar Award in the category of Best First Novel by an American Author. *by Emily Jones '09*

First-time novelist nominated for Edgar Award

The Edgar Awards, named for the famed author Edgar Allen Poe, are presented annually by the Mystery Writers of America. They honor mystery writers in fiction, non-fiction, film, TV and theatre. The awards were presented on May 1 in New York.

"I'm a devout pessimist. When I get good news, I can't help assuming there's been a mistake. I know just how many debut mystery books are more deserving than mine for this honor, but the judges have their proclivities. I'll be clapping vigorously when one of the other four nominees is announced the winner on May first," stated Nikitas, who unfortunately did not receive the award.

Wendy Brenner, professor in the UNCW creative writing department and Nikitas' mentor, realized immediately his natural-born talent for writing. When she received his first writing assignment she thought it was brilliant and knew his writing would reach national readership. She believes *Pyres* intrigues readers because it is so beautifully and intimately written.

"This novel is like a dream that haunts you in the daytime, masquerading as a memory of real events, its diverse cast of characters so vividly and intimately portrayed that you will begin to see them everywhere," she stated. "It is not only the concentrated beauty and unrelenting lyricism of Nikitas's language that ensnares the reader, but his unflinching immersion into the unlit corners of the human heart and conscience."

Nikitas was born in Manchester, N.H., and raised in Rochester, N.Y. He earned his bachelor's degree in English from State University of New York Brockport. Several of his short works have appeared in *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine* and other magazines. He has also been featured in a book length anthology *Killer Year*. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in English from Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Several other graduates of the creative writing program have gone forth to write published pieces of literature. They include Brian Devido, author of *Every Time I Talk to Liston*, a fiction novel about boxing; Kristen Holmstedt, *Band of Sisters*, a documentary of women in combat; and Cindy Horrell Ramsey, *Boys of the Battleship North Carolina*, a narrative of the World War II battleship through the eyes of the sailors that manned the ship.

To **John '93** and **Jennifer Olson Bryant '94**, a daughter, Kateylin, on Dec. 21, 2007. Jennifer is a programmer analyst for AAA Auto Club South.

To **Timothy K. Otto '93** and his wife Catherine, a son, Andrew Timothy, on Jan. 14, 2008. Tim is a Certified Financial Planner® practitioner with Morgan Stanley in Raleigh.

To **Scott Tierney '93** and his wife Heide Kalinowski, a daughter, Cali, on Sept. 7, 2007. Scott is an athletics/fitness director with Palos Heights Recreation Department in Illinois.

To **Chad '94** and **Sheri North Ayers '98**, a daughter, Kate, on April 30, 2007. Sheri is a registered nurse and Chad is a paramedic. Both are employed by New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

To **Clark '94** and **Laura Fisher McQueen '97**, a son, Samuel, on Dec. 22, 2007. Clark is a medical sales specialist with Endo Pharmaceuticals, and Laura is a nurse anesthetist with New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

To **Natalie King Price '94, '00M** and her husband Jason, a daughter, Carson Butler, on Dec. 19, 2007. Natalie is the president of JBC Developers Inc.

To **Wesley Vaughn '94** and his wife Andrea, a son, Andrew Vaughn, on April 22, 2007. Wesley is a sales manager with Camco Manufacturing.

To **Vickie Wilkinson Barnes '95** and her husband John, a daughter, Ella Frances, on March 21, 2008. Vickie is a teacher at Vance Charter School in Henderson.

To **Charlie H. '95, '96M** and **Terry Basnight Dail '95**, a son, Charles Cameron, on June 9, 2007. Charlie is an assistant North Carolina state auditor, and Terry is a controller for N C. State Ports.

To **Tracy Silver Pittman '95** and her husband Kelly, a son, G. Kelly, on Oct. 29, 2007. Tracy is a project manager with PPD Inc.

To **Bryan S. Martin '96** and his wife Jennifer, a daughter, Kaitlyn, on Jan. 19, 2007. Bryan is a database/visual basic analyst with United Healthcare in Minneapolis, Minn.

To **Kevin L. '97M** and **Barbi Hoff Barber '97**, a daughter, Laine Winifred, on April 22, 2007. Barbi is a senior director and Kevin is an accounting manager; both are employed by PPD Inc.

To **Paul Calton '97** and his wife Meredith, a daughter, Morgan-Kate, on Jan. 24, 2008. Paul is the territory manager with Gregory Poole Equipment Co. in Raleigh.

To **Lewis D. Conner Jr. '97** and his wife Marie, a son, Grant Phillip, on May 11, 2007. Lewis is a sales representative for PrimeSource Building Products.

To **Mandie Dums Condie '97** and her husband Stuart, a son, Noah Robert, on April 14, 2007. Mandie is a group exercise coordinator with the YMCA in Harrisburg, N.C.

To **Dan '97** and **Erin Gough Dove '96**, a son, James, on March 30, 2007.

To **Mark Foxx '97** and his wife Katie, a daughter, Campbell Ann, on Nov. 11, 2007. The family resides in Havre de Grace, Md.

To **Paul "PK" Kalish '97** and his wife Robin, a daughter, Samantha Brooke, on Dec 19, 2007. PK is a park ranger employed by N.C. State Parks.

To **Margaret Merrill Britt '98** and her husband Ronnie, a son, Grady Bryan, on Oct. 13, 2007.

To **Amy Bullock Pace '98** and her husband Thomas, a daughter, Avery June, on April 23, 2007.

To **Jonathan Faires '98** and his wife Christa, a son, Brennan Russell, on March 2, 2007. Jonathan is the band director for Widefield School District No. 3 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

To **Andrew Onofrio '98** and his wife Daniella, a daughter, Isabella Arteaga, on March 26, 2008. Andrew is the president of Onofrio Construction Inc. in Raleigh.

To **Lori Parker Sharpe '98** and her husband Matt, a daughter, Sadie Bliss, on Feb 23, 2008. Lori is a second-grade teacher at McGee's Crossroads Elementary School in Johnston County.

To **Christopher L. James '99** and his wife Piret Roosimae, twins, Tristan Kai and Allegra Liis, on Aug. 5, 2007. Chris is the associate director for the Sequoyah Fund Inc. in Cherokee

To **Kristy Oakley Long '99** and her husband Jimmy, a daughter, Baylee Rae, on Dec. 12, 2007 Kristy is a clinical research coordinator III at Duke University Medical Center.

To **Jason E. McLeod '99** and his wife Mary Kathleen, a son, Jason Andrew, on Jan 10, 2008 Jason is a commercial real estate broker for Mans, Warwick, Matthews & Company in Wilmington.

To **Leslie Rogers Moore '99** and her husband Troy, a son, Scott Wilson, on July 31, 2007.

To **Benjamin Romeiser '99** and his wife Mina Takasu, a daughter, Maren, on Dec. 16, 2007. Ben is a tax manager with Deloitte Tax, LLP in Raleigh.

To **Tammy Dozier Scott '99** and her husband Barry, a daughter, Camille Justine, on March 1, 2008. Tammy is a licensed practical nurse at Autumn Care of Myrtle Grove.

To **Amy Gerry Smith '99** and her husband Barry, a son, Ethan Barry, on Feb. 22, 2008. Amy is an associate for Stradley, Ronon, Stephens and Young in Philadelphia.

To **Charlie Stack '99, '04M** and **Mackenzie Underwood '99**, a daughter, Marin, on Jan. 22, 2008. Charlie is a senior marketing manager for HanesBrands Inc., and Mackenzie is an investment analyst for Wachovia.

To **Parker '99** and **Susanna Rabon Stevens '01**, a daughter, Isabella Noelle, on March 15, 2008. The couple owns Sea Path Examinations Inc. and lives in Wilmington.

To **Richard '99** and **Christine Hobbs Tuttle '99**, a daughter, Bayley, on Dec. 28, 2007.

To **Stephanie Winslow Walters '99M** and her husband William, twins, William Brannon and Charles Winslow, on March 28, 2007. Stephanie is a professional sales representative for Schering-Plaugh Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey.

To **Mary Currier Williams '99** and her husband David, a son, Colson, on Feb. 8, 2008. They reside in Midlothian, Va.

To **Chris Cadwallader '00** and his wife Suzanne, a son, Harrison, on Sept. 19, 2007. Chris is a production manager with Timmerman Manufacturing.

To **Chad '00** and **Andrea Aiken-Spargue Corbin '99**, a son, Ryan Chase, on July 13, 2007. Chad is an operations manager for Ferguson Enterprises.

To **Karl '00** and **Jennifer Jones Pleasant '00**, a son, Reece Anthony on Nov. 24, 2007.

To **Aran Kagan '00** and his wife Holli, a son, Noah Issac, on Aug. 11, 2007.

To **Karl '00** and **Wendy Darling Pittard '00**, a daughter, Sarah Madison, on Oct. 30, 2007. Karl is a chemist with BASF The Pittards reside in Lake Jackson, Texas.

To **Nicole Roma Thurrell '00** and her husband Adam, a son, Levi Bodhi, on Aug 8, 2008. Nicole is the associate director of admissions at the Academy of Swift River/Aspen Education Group in Cummington, Mass.

To **Jeff '00, '01M** and **Joanna Lakas Wise '00**, a son, Colton Riley, on April 28, 2008.

To **Raymond '01** and **Heather Harvey Congo '01**, a son, Slade Alexander, on June 5, 2007. Heather is an instructor at Wallace State Community College in Tanner, Ala.

To **Dawn Haedt Glasier '01** and her husband Chad, a son, Gavin Mickey, on July 3, 2007. The couple resides in North Richard Hills, Texas.

To **Caroline Wilkes Hanemann '01** and her husband Craig, a son, Charles Robert, on Aug. 4, 2007.

To **Robert W. Lomax '01** and his wife Stacy, a daughter, Mackenzie, on April 10, 2007. Bert is a biostatistician with AAIPharma Inc.

To **Melissa Gray Quick '01M** and her husband Wesley, a daughter, Marley Savannah, on Feb. 14, 2007.

To **Lloyd '01** and **Windy Mizell Willis '99**, a son, Owen Elliott, on April 11, 2007. Lloyd is an assistant professor of English at Lander University.

To **Audra Burton Hodges '02** and her husband Robert, a daughter, Anna Grace, on Jan. 1, 2008. Anna was the first baby born at Durham Regional Hospital for 2008. Audra is a research data manager with Rho Inc. in Chapel Hill

To **Melissa Smith Wilson '02** and her husband Bryan, a son, Tyler Bryce, on July 26, 2007. Melissa is a behavior specialist for Pender County Schools.

To **Adam '03** and **Jung Ah Park Bono '02**, a son, Ezra Ki-Eung, on June 19, 2007. Adam and Jung Ah own Beauty Max in Monroe.

To **Jenna Wellons Hilton '03** and her husband Dean, a daughter, Molly Bliss, on July 6, 2007. Jenna is a third grade teacher with Bladen County Schools.

To **Joseph '03** and **Telie Sumner McSpadden '03**, a daughter, Zoey Claire, on Dec. 12, 2007. The family resides in Lawrenceville, Ga.

To **Sharon Duff Knosky '04** and her husband Jared, a son, Adam Ray, on June 19, 2007.

To **Emma Lyons Miner '04** and her husband Chad, a daughter, Hannah Grace, on Feb. 7, 2007

To **Scot Fink '05** and his wife Toni, a daughter, Alyssa, on June 8, 2007. Scott is a production manager for Hawkeye Renewables in Fairbank, Iowa.

To **Susan Jordan Boyd '06** and her husband Bill, a daughter, Nov. 23, 2007. Susan is a registered nurse at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Deaths

James "Pat" Warren '48 on May 2, 2008. He was a member of the first class of Wilmington College and helped select the school's mascot and colors.

Claude McAllister '50 on March 14, 2008.

Kenneth Hansley '63 on Feb. 17, 2008.

Jessie L. Campbell '70 on Dec. 31, 2007.

Wanda E. McNair '73 on April 14, 2008.

Jennifer N. Fishel '98 on March 14, 2008.

Jonathan R. Cooke '02 on Dec 21, 2007

Ryan T. Carter '04 on March 15, 2008.

Friends

Claude Farrell, retired professor of economics in the Cameron School of Business, passed away on Feb. 7, 2008

Marguerite Hopkins, a lecturer in the School of Nursing, passed away on March 17, 2008.

Boyd Robinson, business counselor with the Small Business and Technology Development Center, passed away on Jan. 27, 2008.

Alice Applewhite von Oesen passed away on May 3, 2008. She was a charter member and on the first board of directors of the Friends of Wilmington College (now Friends of UNCW).

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13	Leadership Lecture Series Paleoanthropologist Richard Leakey
15	Wilmington College luncheon Jackson's Big Oak Barbecue
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November

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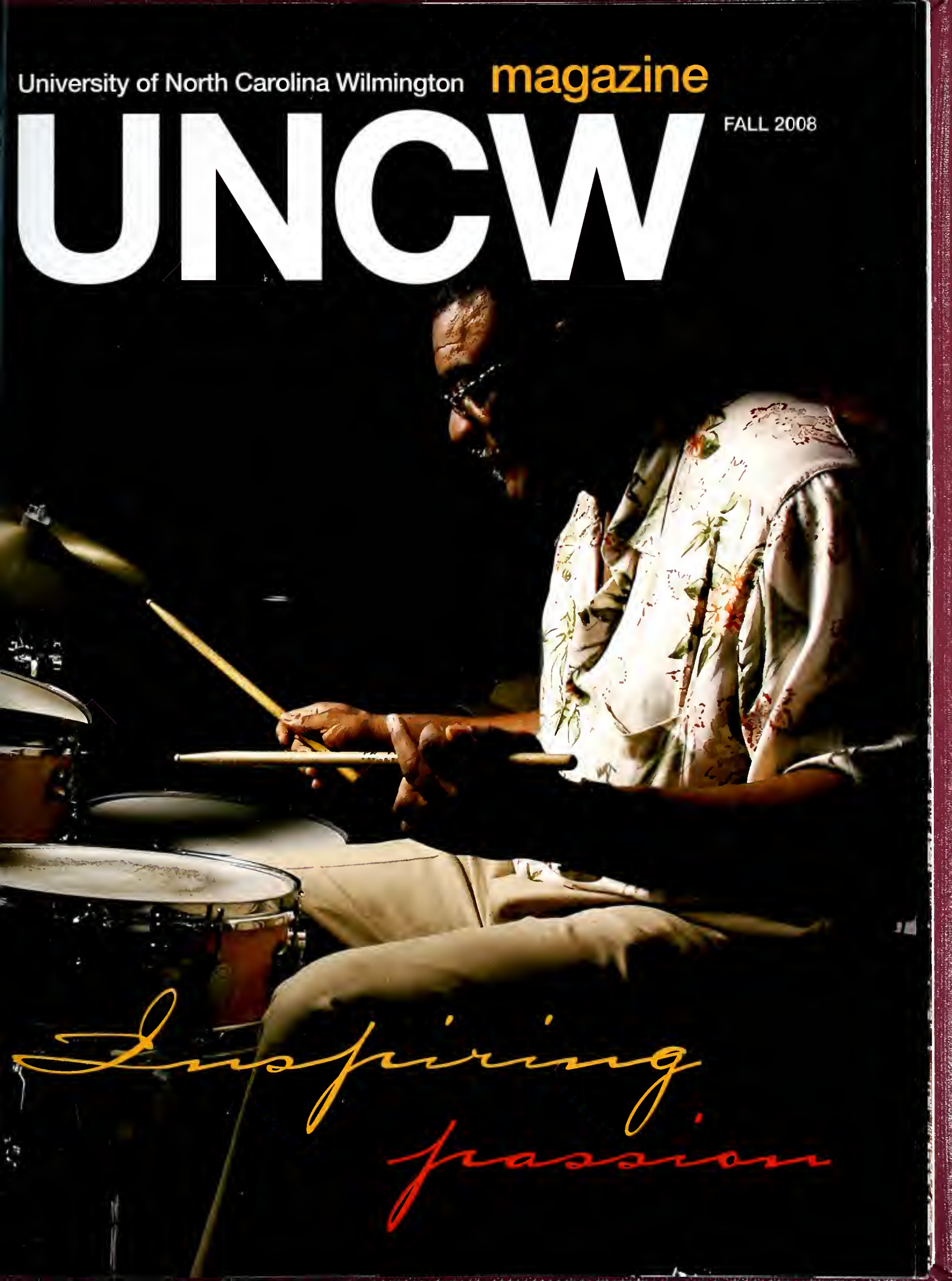

Inspiring passion

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On the cover:
Internationally known jazz drummer, composer and educator Joe Chambers is the first Thomas S. Kenan Distinguished Professor of Jazz in UNCW's music department.
Photo by Laura Johnston

Fireworks fill the night sky over UNC Wilmington as a back-to-school display greets returning students.

Dear alumni and friends,

I want to begin this letter by thanking all of you for your enduring commitment to UNCW. Whether you are alumni, friends, donors, the parents of a student – or all of the above – you appreciate and represent the qualities that make UNCW special. **Excellence. Loyalty. Integrity. Teamwork. Compassion. Hard work. Leadership. Innovation.** These are the values that all Seahawks live by, the true hallmarks of the UNCW experience.

Within this issue of *UNCW Magazine*, you will find countless examples of the ways in which our university and the people who make it unique are soaring to greatness. Our students, faculty and staff are entrepreneurs in the classroom, in scientific research and in cyberspace (see articles, pages 8-9). Read about students with incredible internships and amazing adventures; we have students who have trekked miles – even to the world's highest peaks – to widen their educational experiences and give back to others.

When it comes to giving back, alumni, donors and friends are wonderful role models for our students. Articles throughout this issue show the impact of your investments on our campus. From distinguished professorships to a scholarship supported by surfers, UNCW benefits from the generosity of those who believe in helping us provide students with the most powerful learning experience possible.

I invite you to visit campus often, and to mark your calendars for Homecoming on Jan. 30-31.

As the fall 2008 semester ends and a new year begins, I look forward to a future filled with ever greater accomplishments for UNCW as well as for the people who make us special and for the extraordinary region and state that we serve. What excites me and, I believe what inspires all of us, is the realization that for the University of North Carolina Wilmington, greatness has no limits to prevent us from reaching higher and higher to become better and better.

As always, I welcome your calls, letters and e-mails. You make a tremendous difference at UNCW, and I appreciate your confidence in us.

All the best,

Rosemary DeFeo

Chancellor

Construction boom begins

What was once a parking lot between Dobo and Wagoner halls will be transformed over the next several years into a

new academic quad

focusing on health-related programs.

October 23, 2008 [illegible] School

Ground was broken Oct. 23 for the $30.1 million, 75,000-square-foot nursing building that will be equipped with the latest human patient simulation technology. It will provide students with opportunities to practice their critical nursing skills in clinical settings that rival the state's best hospitals. Its construction is "a crucial component in our state's efforts to address the critical nursing shortage," said Terry Coffey, chair of the UNCW Board of Trustees.

The General Assembly approved $34.5 million for a science teaching/lab building that will be home to the psychology department. Chairman Mark Galizio said the additional space is much needed.

"I can't begin to express how much this building will enhance the psychology program. The Social and Behavioral Sciences Building was completed in 1982 when our department had only nine faculty and six small research laboratories. We now have 33 full-time faculty psychology research laboratories in seven different buildings on and off campus," Galizio said. "The specialized classrooms and improved laboratory space will enhance our capacity to develop cutting-edge research programs and allow us to give students exciting new opportunities for applied learning."

Due to recent state budgetary concerns, $4.3 million allocated by the N.C. General Assembly for the planning of a teaching laboratory building for the future Allied Health Sciences has been put on hold as well as $4.3 million for an oyster hatchery at the Center for Marine Science.

Adjacent to the academic quad, construction is well underway on Seahawk Crossing that will house 662 students and a four-level parking garage. Aug. 1 is the scheduled completion date.

At the top *of* its class

For the 11th consecutive year, UNCW is ranked as one of the top 10 public master's universities in the South by *U.S.News & World Report*. The publication also placed UNCW fifth on its list of "up-and-coming" master's universities in the South.

A *U.S.News* survey of top college officials identified 70 colleges and universities that made "the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities." UNCW was fifth on that list for the South, tied with James Madison University in Virginia and Union University in Tennessee. UNCW maintained its No. 6 ranking among public master's universities and 14th among all 121 public and private universities in the South.

In addition, the university placed extremely well in the 2008 *Forbes* special report on America's best colleges, coming in second among the public universities in North Carolina, behind only UNC Chapel Hill. UNCW also was rated second among its peer institutions, with only James Madison University ranking higher.

UNCW is one of the top 25 "Best Values" among public universities in the nation and one of the top three in North Carolina, according to *Kiplinger's* Personal Finance, which ranks four-year schools that combine outstanding economic value with top-notch education. Finally, *Princeton Review* awarded UNCW its 2009 "Best in the Southeast" designation.

Beverly Vagnerini of the Information Technology Services Division greets Hillcrest residents as they enter a raffle for UNCW items.

Community partnership expands

Disaster preparedness, sex education, afterschool tutoring and computer training are just the beginning of what will be offered at the new Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA)-UNCW Community Campus, which opened in September in the Hillcrest housing development.

"We want to understand what programs and services the residents want and need, and we want to understand the issues that concern them and develop solutions together. We want to use this site for both research and practical applications to create a model that works," said Kathy McDaniel, director of community partnerships at UNCW.

For years UNCW faculty and students have performed needs assessments and been involved in educational and service-oriented activities in the WHA communities. The new facility serves as a centralized resource for these ongoing services, as well as research and collaboration with public housing residents and the surrounding neighbors, including sustainability gardens, food access studies, information technology internships and field placements through the Department of Social Work.

In May, the WHA presented a $10,000 check to the university for the Windell Daniels Memorial Scholarship for Public Housing and Section 8 residents. The scholarship, established by the WHA staff and board of commissioners, honors the late Daniels, WHA commissioner and UNCW trustee, for his passionate work on behalf of youth.

GOING GREEN

- UNCW's printing services provides papers that are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification, which all aim to stop damage to the world's forests by promoting environmental responsibility.
- After switching to default double-sided copies, iPrint, UNCW's campus-wide 24-hour access printing program, reported a 35 percent reduction in paper usage.
- ECOteal is a new retail store in the Fisher Student Union that features bicycles, skateboards, totes, bamboo shirts and clothing made from recycled plastics, as well as other sustainable products.
- ECOteal mobile is an electric truck used to make deliveries to ECOteal and healthy alternatives vending machines across campus.

UNC Wilmington's new retail store, ECOteal

Sammy Seahawk and the ECOteal mobile

SUSTAINABILITY

SHEDDING A NEW LIGHT ON CAMPUS

New light fixtures along Chancellor's Walk and at Wagoner Dining Hall will result in significant energy savings, improved appearance and enhanced security.

The new LED fixtures meet the specification of the International Dark Sky Association for preservation of the nighttime environment by allowing no light to escape beyond 90 degrees around the fixture. They also meet the standards for energy savings and light pollution set by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program administered by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"Even with the additional fixture on each pole on Chancellor's Walk, we expect more than a 50 percent energy savings for the project," said Steve Pickard, deputy director of project management in the UNCW Office of Facilities. "At Wagoner Hall, we expect an 80 percent savings over the previous lights."

CAMPUS PUTS LIMITS ON SMOKING

Following a national health trend, a new tobacco policy at UNCW prohibits smoking within 25 feet of entrances to all campus buildings to safeguard the health of individuals and the environment.

More than half of the 16 UNC System schools have implemented a smoking perimeter policy, and nationally, 43 college campuses are smoke-free, including UNC Chapel Hill.

The policy also prohibits smoking in all UNCW buildings and UNCW vehicles and bans the sale or free distribution of tobacco products on campus. Student organizations are prohibited from promoting tobacco products and from accepting event sponsorship from tobacco companies.

Information on the policy and quitting support is available at **www.uncw.edu/stuaff/crossroads/CTC.htm**.

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Daniels

New trustees named

Wilmington entrepreneur **Wilma Daniels** and Charlotte executive **Cynthia G. Marshall** were appointed to serve on the UNCW Board of Trustees.

Daniels will serve the remainder of the term held by her late husband, Windell, who passed away in April. He was appointed to serve a four-year term in 2007. Marshall will serve out Krista S. Tillman's remaining term, which expires in 2011. Both were appointed by the UNC Board of Governors.

Daniels is a founder and current CEO of Daniels Development Company and oversees the property management for William Hooper Apartments. She serves on the boards of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the New Hanover Community Health Center and Cape Fear Community College Foundation.

Marshall is president of AT&T North Carolina, responsible for the company's regulatory, legislative and community affairs activities within the state. She has 27 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, having held a variety of line management and staff positions in operations, human resources, network engineering and planning and regulatory/external affairs.

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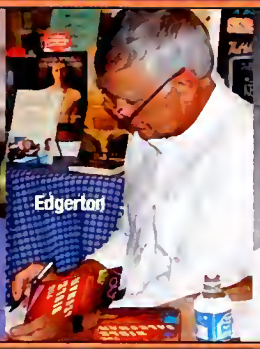
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The flytrap anemone is one of the unusual species which makes its home in the deep-water coral reefs off the southeast coast.

Agnes Hahn, a murder mystery by **Richard Satterlie** was published in August by Medallion Press. This is the third novel for the Frank Hawkins Kenan Distinguished Professor of biology and marine biology. A sequel, titled *Imola*, is in the works.

Tracy Y. Hargrove, elementary, middle level and literacy education, is the 2008 recipient of the UNCW Board of Trustees Award Teaching Excellence Award and a Distinguished Teaching Professorship. **John Rice**, sociology and criminology, also was awarded a Distinguished Teaching Professorship.

Anita R. Veit, sociology and criminology, and **Roger D. Shew**, geography and geology, were named 2008 Lecturers of the Year. Awards for Faculty Scholarship went to **Steven D. Emslie**, biology and marine biology, and **Robert D. Hancock** and **Stephen A. Skrabal**, chemistry and biochemistry. Graduate Mentor Awards went to **Carol Pilgrim**, psychology, and **Martin Posey**, biology and marine biology.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo was appointed to the Higher Education Cabinet for *The New York Times* and *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The group of approximately 60 presidents, chancellors and state university system heads convened for the first time Sept. 15 in New York City. Members include leaders from Colgate University, Purdue University, Syracuse University, Spelman College, Rutgers, Amherst College, Penn State University, Cornell University, the University of Georgia System, the University of Washington and the University of Notre Dame. *The Chronicle* and *The Times* jointly developed this cabinet of innovative, forward-thinking leaders to envision the future landscape of higher education and discuss issues that need to be addressed to enact change. DePaolo is the only member representing North Carolina.

The Bible Salesman, the ninth novel by professor of creative writing **Clyde Edgerton**, hit the bookshelves in August. Published by Little, Brown, the book has been reviewed favorably in the *Chicago Tribune*, *Charlotte Observer*, *Wall Street Journal* and *O, The Oprah Magazine*. "How good it feels to throw back one's head and howl with a great comic novel," humorist David Sedaris said about the story of a car thief who picks up a 19-year-old Bible salesman hitchhiker.

W. Taylor Fain's book, *American Ascendance and British Retreat in the Persian Gulf Region*, was published by Palgrave Macmillan in July. "In many ways, the book tries to explain the origins of the United States' current embroilment in the Gulf and Iraq," said Fain, assistant professor of history. It examines the challenges to U.S. and British interests in the Gulf area and the regional context from which they emerged, and then places them into the larger picture of Washington's and London's Cold War and late imperial policies.

Jose E. Hernandez, associate provost for institutional diversity and inclusion, will work with UNCW and the community to develop, implement and manage programs, practices and policies that foster structural equity resulting in a more inclusive, egalitarian and collaborative environment. In supporting UNCW's strategic goal of embracing and enhancing diversity, he will assume a leading role in fostering a climate of appreciation for differences within members of the student body, faculty and staff. He also will serve as adjunct faculty in the Watson School of Education.

Marcio Moreno received the 2008 Staff Award for Excellence for his service to the local Hispanic community and his commitment to diversity. As the senior assistant director of admissions, Moreno has increased significantly the number of minority students at UNCW and helped with the retention of those students once they arrive. In his spare time, he teaches two sections of Spanish each semester, instructs students in his native language, works closely with Centro Hispano and helps the Hispanic community in Wilmington succeed.

A movement to protect the Southeast's deep-water coral reefs within the National Marine Sanctuary Program may be at odds with new demands for more offshore drilling. This summer and for the past eight summers, UNCW research scientist **Steve W. Ross** and a multi-agency team of international researchers have explored the seafloor off North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Using multi-beam sonar and manned submersible vehicles at depths of more than 1,000 feet, the team was able to document 99 new species of deep-water fishes. According to Ross, one potential value of these reefs includes pharmaceutical applications that could be astounding. "Do extracts from sponges kill cancer cells? Will we be able to synthesize the compounds we discover in these habitats in the laboratory? We don't know when these resources will reveal important facts or yield applications necessary to us. This is an inheritance that cannot be squandered for immediacy and short-term gain," Ross said.

Susan F. Pierce is the interim dean of the School of Nursing and will work with the school's transition team, Bettie Glenn, Janie Canty-Mitchell and Ruthanne Kuiper, until the permanent position of director of nursing is filled next year. Pierce is a professor emerita in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing, where she has been a faculty member since 1975 and held numerous administrative positions including associate dean for administration and planning, associate dean for community outreach and chair of the Department of Social and Administrative Nursing Systems.

faculty and staff

outstanding students

ENTERPRISING STUDENT LEAVES FOOTPRINT

It's possible more Rainbows® are worn at UNCW than any other campus in the country, so why shouldn't the university have its own distinctive teal version of the brand name flip-flops?

When **Ryan Kawamoto '08** mentioned this to the chancellor, she urged him to make it happen.

"I thought she was joking," he told the UNCW Board of Trustees in April, "but she wasn't."

Although the business administration and marketing major was "scared to death," he contacted the marketing director at Rainbow Sandal Corp. who responded positively – "Dude, that's a great idea."

It took about a year of negotiations with Rainbow senior executives, but the distinctive UNCW teal Rainbows® are now a reality and available exclusively at the UNCW Bookstore. More than 300 pairs were sold in the first two days they became available. Ten other schools have since followed in Kawamoto's footsteps with similar pitches to the company.

The young entrepreneur who negotiated an internship with MTV is now a production assistant for "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

"This journey has been surreal," said Kawamoto. "My time at UNCW was life-changing. I am just excited to help spread school spirit for the campus I love."

Joy C. Davis '07

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

A 35-day trek through the Himalayas is unfathomable to many, but not senior **Keelan McCoy**.

"I want to learn through experience, by exploring other cultures first hand. I want to see the world," McCoy said. He is well on his way.

Beginning in the town of Ranikhet, India, McCoy and 14 other students from across the country followed 150 miles of trade routes though the Himalayas in northern India as part of an excursion sponsored by the National Outdoor Leadership School.

Through his journey, McCoy soared to new heights, not only 16,000 feet up the Himalayan Mountains but in his education as well. He took classes from the two accompanying professors in environmental ethics, local ecology, Hindi and first aid and was the leader of a five-person Independent Student Travel Group.

McCoy, who has traveled throughout Europe and Central America, has no intention of hanging up his hiking boots. He said this trip opened his eyes to Third World countries.

"I am fascinated by their culture and religion," the parks and recreation major said. He is making plans to return to India after completing wilderness first-responder training, which consists of a six-day course in Boulder, Colo. After graduation, he hopes to work as an adventure guide in South America.

Jessica Costanza '09

LIGHTS, CAMERA AND ACTION IN L.A.

Show business can be tough – and expensive – in Los Angeles, the largest film market in the country.

But thanks to an Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences grant, 10 film studies students made some inroads during L.A. internships with professionals like the Oscar-winning producer of *There Will Be Blood* and *No Country for Old Men*.

As an intern with Dick Clark Productions (DCP), **Zack Drisko** said he "represented DCP by myself at the Great American Pitchfest – the national 'speed dating' event for story pitches that may become TV shows. You can't get that kind of exposure anywhere but L.A.

"Because of the academy grant, I was able to work the extra hours to prove myself to the head guys so that when I am ready to move out there, people will know how hard I will work for them."

"UNCW is clearly doing good work that can produce excellent filmmakers," said Sean Guthrie, with the Academy Foundation's Institutional Grants Program.

To meet the needs of the more than 50 students applying for summer internships annually, the film studies department also places interns at more than a dozen Wilmington film-related companies and plans to continue to expand its national and international internship programs. *Joy C. Davis '07*

FULFILLING A DREAM

Betsy Cline, a senior political science major, is well on her way to fulfilling her dream of working in television. This fall she interned with NBC's "very intense and fast-paced" "Meet the Press" news show in Washington, D.C., and did so well she was the only intern invited to cover the historic day of the 2008 presidential election from NBC headquarters in New York City.

Among her many opportunities Cline wrote questions that Luke Russert used when interviewing presidential nominees John McCain and Barack Obama and researched information about historic party conventions that Brian Williams used on air.

Cline is one of only 18 students nationally selected as a 2008 National Press Foundation Fellow. She also had internships with the *Charlotte Observer*, USA Today Live, the broadcasting arm of *USA Today*, and MSNBC in New York.

Though Cline has spent some time away from UNCW during her undergraduate experience, she still had plenty of time to get involved. She was a 2006 orientation leader, a UNCW Student Ambassador and a resident assistant in Graham/Hewlett. Cline wrote for *The Seahawk* and was named 2007-08 Best Reporter.

Brett Gordon '09

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research

Compounds recently patented by the director of UNCW's Center for Marine Science **Dan Baden**, William M. Abraham of the University of Miami at Mount Sinai Medical Center and UNCW associate research professor **Andrea Bourdelais** are demonstrating exciting effectiveness both as treatments and preventives for diseases like cystic fibrosis and asthma, infections like pneumonia and similar conditions resulting from industrial accidents or the inhaling of toxic particles.

The inventions are derived from the algae, Karenia brevis, whose cells, when disrupted by waves during red tide events, release airborne toxins known as brevetoxins that constrict airways and fill lungs with mucus. From these poisons, Baden and Bourdelais discovered the compound brevenal, a surprising agent that counters the exact effects its relatives induce.

The current patent, granted July 15, 2008, is the second the group has secured that demonstrates effectiveness as a treatment for cystic fibrosis, mucociliary dysfunction and pulmonary diseases.

Kim Proukou '06M

getting the message out

New UNCW text message services are putting grades, a campus activities calendar, shuttle locations, coupons and much more into the palms of students' hands.

Professors **Jeff Brown**, mathematics, and **Ron Vetter**, computer science, are founders of Mobile Education, LLC, and have partnered with the UNCW Information Technology Systems Division to provide free interactive text messaging services to students, faculty and staff.

UNCW student focus groups guided decisions about the text messaging services offered, while four computer science student researchers worked on the innovative Mobile Education applications.

Graduate student **Shaun Border '03, '07M** and undergraduate student **Wade Grant** helped establish Outlook Mobile Services that enable the campus to remotely access university e-mails via personal cell phone. Graduate students **Bill Shipman '05** and **Allen Rawls '06, '08M** refined applications for user reminders and bus tracking. Recent communications studies graduate **Andrea VanHook '08** is marketing director for the company's coupon system.

Mobile Education hopes to expand services to other schools across the country. Vetter said, "This is how students are communicating now. They are the lifeblood of the campus, so we are accommodating them where they are."

"For orientation, we even conducted a scavenger hunt with text messaging to acquaint the students with the campus," said Brown. The scavenger hunt – titled Dub Hunt – tied for first place in AT&T's big mobile campus challenge, netting Brown and Vetter $5,000, iPhones and national recognition.

To sign up for Mobile Education services, visit **www.uncw.edu/mobile**.

Joy C. Davis '07

stop hunger now

Buchanan and Chancellor DePaolo

by Joe Browning

It's been many years since **Ray Buchanan** visited his alma mater, and the 1972 graduate, like many others, still marvels at how much the campus has grown and evolved.

New buildings and construction aside, it was a change in attitude that most impressed the founder of *Stop Hunger Now* as his international relief organization oversaw the assembly of 100,000 meals in Hanover Hall in October.

"I don't get to come back as often, so it makes me feel good to see UNCW participate in this kind of project," said Buchanan, the 61-year-old philanthropist who has dedicated his life to curbing hunger. "This is where everything started for me."

With UNCW's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee coordinating the project, nearly 450 volunteers worked three-hour shifts for a total of nine hours to sift ingredients into small plastic bags for shipment to war-torn Liberia.

Volunteers from the community joined nearly 150 student-athletes from nine teams in a makeshift marketplace.

Rice, soy, a vegetable blend and a vitamin were carefully dropped into an elongated funnel, and the concoction was then carefully bagged, shuffled into boxes and loaded in a white panel truck headed to a shipping port.

The UNCW effort got off the ground early in the fall when alumnus and former associate registrar Murrie Lee '67 approached athletic department officials about taking part in the project.

"I thought it would be a great way for our student-athletes to become visible in the public. They do so many things that go unnoticed," he said.

Members of the athletic teams spent much of their day helping in all phases of the operation, from unloading raw materials to assembling packages to wheeling box loads of completed meals into the trucks.

Buchanan was impressed with the involvement of so many student-athletes during a busy time of year.

"Student-athletes are role models on campus," he said. "They are natural leaders, and it's important for other students to see them doing something like this."

A native of Corpus Christi, Texas, Buchanan grew up in the halls of the Sociology and Anthropology Building, learning under the wings of legendary professor Gerald Shinn.

"Gerry Shinn was my mentor," Buchanan recalled as a whirlwind of activity buzzed in the background. "Everything I've accomplished could not have been done without him. I've modeled my life after him."

Buchanan, recipient of UNCW's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1985, has found good success in getting communities and church-related groups involved in his personal endeavor. Now it's time, he says, for college students to do their part.

His latest venture, "Universities Fighting Hunger," was founded three years ago and college students, faculty and administrators around the country now get together at an annual summit to discuss hunger and its consequences.

Buchanan said, "We live in a global community. We need to be teaching not just from books, but also to be part of the world community. There needs to be more hunger awareness on campus.

"I'm trying to get all universities focused on hunger in whatever way they can. The UNC system has a chance to be a leader in this. It's really about creating a movement where we can end hunger in our lifetime," Buchanan said.

He has traveled all around the world in his quest to stifle hunger, and he's come full circle in that lifelong journey.

"It's not just that we're packaging 100,000 meals here because that's huge, but that our students are participating in the larger global community. It's exciting to see UNCW part of something so much larger.

"This ties into all of our altruistic principles. Nothing we do on behalf of the hungry is too small to make a difference."

Buchanan spends most of his time on the road these days, raising awareness for the cause and researching locations where hunger is prevalent in the world.

"Our society is at risk," he reflected. "The United Nations says that the food problem is so intense in 33 countries that their government is faced with dissolution and might be toppled. These include countries like Egypt, Yemen and Indonesia.

"When we put people on a better path to have a better life, then we take away terrorism and violence."

Buchanan enjoys traveling and experiencing new cultures, but admittedly called his travel schedule "brutal."

Even so, Buchanan doesn't see an end to what has become a tireless passion for the articulate bearded philosopher.

"I won't give it up," he said. "Being here today energizes me."

Athletes excel in classroom

With an outstanding track record of producing top-flight student-athletes, UNCW once again excelled in the latest graduation success rates released by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The Seahawks posted a graduation success rate (GSR) of 90 percent overall, with nearly half of UNCW's teams racking up a perfect 100 percent mark. UNCW stood fifth out of the state's 17 NCAA Division I institutions, trailing only Davidson, Duke, Wake Forest and Campbell in the rankings.

UNCW also finished second only to William & Mary (95 percent GSR) in the listing of the Colonial Athletic Association's 12 schools.

In the detailed study, UNCW's men's basketball, men's golf, men's soccer, men's tennis, women's basketball, women's golf and women's tennis teams each achieved a 100 percent graduation rate.

Hoops games to be televised

Men's basketball games will be televised on five different networks during the upcoming hoops campaign.

The Seahawks, 20-13 one year ago, made their 2008-09 television debut on Nov. 19 when they battled Wake Forest. Coach Benny Moss and his club then make the first of six appearances on the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN) Dec. 28 when Richmond makes its first visit to Trask Coliseum since leaving the CAA in 2001.

UNCW and MASN reached an agreement last season to make the Baltimore-based network "The Official Cable Network" of the Seahawks. Games also will air on ESPN Regional, Comcast SportsNet and WSKY in the Tidewater region of Virginia.

UNCW TV Schedule: Dec. 28 vs. Richmond (MASN); Jan. 3 at George Mason (ESPN Regional/MASN); Jan. 5 at VCU (MASN); Jan. 7 vs. William & Mary (ESPN Regional/MASN); Jan. 21 at Old Dominion (COMCAST/WSKY); Feb. 4 vs. VCU (ESPN Regional/MASN); Feb. 14 at Georgia State (COMCAST); Feb. 18 vs. Old Dominion (WSKY); Feb. 25 vs. George Mason (ESPN Regional/MASN); Feb. 28 at Hofstra (Madison Square Garden Network).

ESPN2 show highlights Seahawks

UNCW Sports Extra, a fast-paced television show that features a unique behind-the-scenes look at Seahawk athletics, made its debut this fall and will return in early 2009 on local and regional affiliates of EPSN2.

The 30-minute show is a partnership between UNCW, Time Warner Cable and UNCW-TV and is streamed on UNCWSports.com.

A pair of juniors, Samantha Mifsud and Lucas Haskins, are the anchors, and Matt Harris, Derrick Lewis and Faiza El-Hibri provide reports from the field.

Surfing

a lifestyle not just a pastime

by Katie White '09

Surfing plays a major role in the culture of UNCW. It's often mentioned as a main reason why some students attend this coastal university, and for good reason – UNCW was second in *Surfer Magazine's* list of top five East Coast surf colleges.

However, surfers may not have the best image in the world – guys with long, stringy hair who spend the entire day on their boards, riding waves without a care in the world – "slackers" or "bums" who do nothing but surf. With the university's prime location next to the ocean, the campus should be teeming with these so-called "slackers."

But it's not.

And the campus community is doing its part to shatter the surfing stereotype and show that surfing can be part of a respectable academic lifestyle.

William Moore, Department of History associate professor, said surfing is more than a fun sport: "The history of surfing is tied into many other large historical issues."

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He has developed Contemporary Issues in Historical Perspective – History of Surfing, a course that provides insight into how surfing began on the East Coast and promotes the understanding of other historical events that took place due to the rise of the sport.

"In teaching the class, I also am teaching about the history of Hawaii, the history of changing uses of leisure time and the development of American popular culture," Moore explained. "I knew that there was a large population of surfers at UNCW and thought that they would be interested in learning more about the sport. I am hoping that the students will gain a greater appreciation for how history has shaped the people that they have become."

The course used the recent "Country Soul: The Surfing Experience in Southeastern North Carolina" exhibit in Randall Library as a valuable resource. The special collections exhibit was compiled by Peter Fritzler, a sciences librarian and faculty advisor for the UNCW Surf Club, with the help of Joseph "Skipper" Funderburg, renowned Cape Fear Coast pioneer surfer and former UNCW student.

It took five years to create what is the first formal display of its size for area surfing memorabilia. The exhibit is a loose chronology of the history of the sport in the region from the 1960s to the present, including artifacts such as locally made surfboards, photographs, clothing and newspaper clippings.

"I wanted it to be a repository for all things surf history – where students, faculty, staff and community members can come and learn about surf history. The West Coast has a huge infrastructure to facilitate funding, collection, etc. to preserve the history of its surfing culture. The East Coast really has none," Fritzler said on the importance of the exhibit. "I haven't found much like this on a localized level, especially one supported by an institution. It has the potential to become what William Moore called a 'center for surfing history.' It could become something permanent in the future."

The exhibit not only tells the story of the "almost overnight" growth of surfing, but it highlights many UNCW alumni including Hall of Fame surfer Will Allison '76, photography by D.J. Struntz '02M and pictures and quotes from four longtime friends whose love of surfing led them to start looking for a way to help surfers in need.

Those surfing buddies, former UNCW Surf Club presidents Josh Vach '87, Brian Tracy '86, Tony Butler '97 and the club's founding faculty advisor, psychology professor Antonio Puente, created the Tower 7/WBLivesurf Scholarship fund as a way to give back and to show appreciation to the university.

"It was really Josh's idea," Puente said, "He was doing well with his restaurants and wanted a way to contribute." Josh Vach is the owner of the local restaurants K-38, Tower 7 and Kiva Grill.

"I have always loved the beach and the area, so after living in California for a while, I knew I wanted to come back. I started my restaurants and had been doing fundraisers for other organizations – Humane Society, Surfrider, etc. – but I had never done anything for my alma mater.

"I had such a great UNCW experience, and this gave me a way to help someone who needed financial help on my own terms," Vach explained. "I teamed up with Tony Butler and WBLiveSurf, because I was used to doing fundraisers with them."

Vach approached Tracy, who is the primary care sales representative for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc., to write up the scholarship. With the help of Puente, the scholarship was complete, and, with the university's approval, the first recipient, Cody Leutgens, was named in the fall of 2008.

The scholarship guidelines are simple: the recipient must be a UNCW Surfing Club member/active surfer, an active participant in one or more surfing related organizations such as the National Scholastic Surfing Association or the Cape Fear Surfrider Chapter and have a minimum of GPA of 2.5.

"All we want is a deserving student who's engaged in the greater surfing community we live in," Puente said.

Tracy, who has been surfing since he was 12, explained, "We wanted the recipient to have a connection to the surf community. We want people to understand we're not beach bums. We were students who are now successful in our careers and still surf – you can mix it together."

Puente noted, "The great part is it's not just some guy with no ties to the university giving money; it's typical students who surf, did okay for themselves and are giving back."

Stellar surfer scores scholarship

There couldn't have been a better recipient for the Tower 7/WBLive Surf Scholarship than Cody Leutgens, whose love for the water, waves and rides has developed into a stellar surfing career.

After winning the 2008 Mid-Atlantic Regionals in South Carolina, Leutgens took the West coast by storm when he ripped his way to first place in the 2008 Surf Industry Manufacturers Association Surfing America U.S.A Championships in Huntington Beach, California. Leutgens set his eyes on the big waves, and it paid off when his opponents were struggling to approach his topnotch score of 17, the total of his two highest waves combined.

Leutgens was raised in Surf City, N.C., and always has had his eyes on the ocean. By age 8, he was competing in Eastern Surfing Association contests along the coast. Leutgens recently took on the role of captain of the surf team at UNCW where he is majoring in communication studies. He currently lives in Hampstead and plans to continue to hit the contest scene hard – that is, of course, after he finishes his schoolwork.

by Emily Jones '09

South African teachers have access to far fewer resources than their American counterparts.

TRAVELING ABROAD to ENRICH EDUCATION AT HOME

by Brenda Riegel

After witnessing impoverished conditions in Belize schools, **Lynn Fulton '84, '88** realized "it's not about the resources; it truly is about the quality of the teacher in the classroom."

The Winter Park Elementary School principal is one of the first enrolled in the new doctoral program in educational leadership and administration at the Watson School of Education, which requires participants to study abroad.

"The primary purpose of the international internship is to make North Carolina schools better for all students by changing how educators think and lead," said John Fischetti, doctoral program coordinator.

"We want the students in this program, who are themselves teachers and administrators, to have an experience that changes them personally and professionally. They came back thinking differently. That's success," said Dean Cathy Barlow.

Barlow led the study tour of Belize, partnering with the University of Belize and Galen University colleagues, including that country's newly appointed assistant to the prime minister for education. Fischetti's team worked with Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in South Africa. Professor Brad Walker's students traveled through Japan, collaborating with Osaka University. Each group visited universities and schools, worked with teachers and administrators and reflected on the similarities and differences compared to their own educational systems.

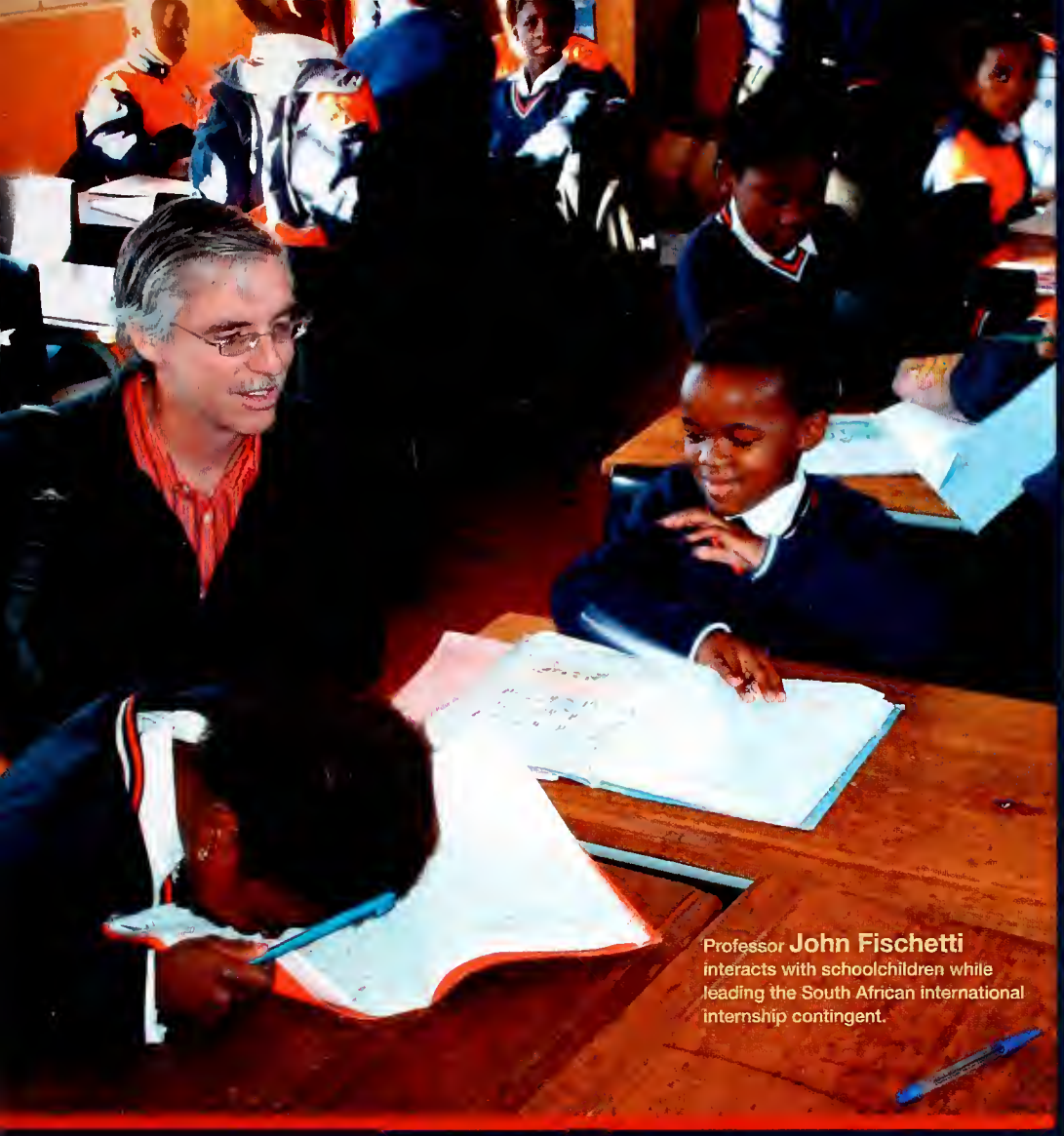
"It was an unbelievable experience professionally and personally, an opportunity to take a look at the extreme lack of resources there and see how they are compensating," Fulton said. She estimated that Belize is 25 to 50 years behind the U.S. in terms of technology and industry.

"The poverty is so sad. At first I thought, I'm not sure I can take this. But I began to realize these schoolchildren are not sad. They're smiling. Their teachers are committed, passionate and innovative educators. I had to move beyond the poverty to the lessons," she said. Fulton now is making sure teachers at her school have more opportunities to grow and develop as learners.

Rob Morgan, assistant principal at Ashley High School, visited a high school in a particularly impoverished South African neighborhood, surrounded by barbed and razor wire.

"The similarities between here and there were immediately obvious, the differences extreme," he said. There the principal works with the five drug lords who control the adjacent areas to protect his school. "By comparison, we have police officers and drug dogs in our schools. This principal is working with local resources in ways we could never imagine or consider," Morgan said.

Emafini Primary School in Port Elizabeth serves 1,400 students, though it was built for 700, with no heating, air conditioning or cafeteria. Parents volunteer when they can to cook beans and rice, providing some students with their only meal of the day. There are 40 to 50 children in each class, and yet, according to Fischetti, there are virtually no discipline problems, and these highly motivated students take national tests that are tougher than North Carolina's state tests with an 80 percent proficiency rate.



Professor **John Fischetti** interacts with schoolchildren while leading the South African international internship contingent.

Students at schools such as this one come from homes where 70 percent or more of adults are jobless and HIV positive.

"I watched these students going about their business despite extreme conditions," said Morgan, who now helps his students focus on changing what they can control versus complaining about what they can't.

Debbie Lemon, middle grades mathematics instructional facilitator with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, has traveled out of the country before. "But this was the first time I experienced being a minority in a culture not my own, where I looked different and didn't speak the language. It has made me more tolerant of minority students and those who are non-English speaking in our classrooms."

Lemon found that Japanese children develop autonomy, independence and accountability at an early age. "By the time students reach middle and high school, classes are just lectures with no real innovative teaching methods. The teacher's attitude is that the information is here. It's up to the student to make every effort to get it," said Lemon.

What most surprised Lemon about Japanese schools was the lack of technology: no calculators or computers in classrooms, and students and teachers far behind in using programs like PowerPoint, a classroom staple here.

"This experience has made me conscious of making classes more interactive and engaging to keep students interested. It's refocused my attention on the importance of relevance and rigor," said Lemon.

The cost of success

The success of the Ed.D. program in educational leadership and administration is inextricably linked to its international perspective.

According to Bob Roer, dean of the Graduate School, the international internship and business components of the Ed.D. are not only what make it unique, but also what earned it approval from UNC Board of Governors.

"As far as I know the UNCW Ed.D. program is one of only a few in the country incorporating these elements. Other graduate school deans hold it up as a model of what they would like to accomplish at their universities," he said.

Denise DiPuccio, assistant provost for international programs, praised faculty who ensure students have international experiences despite the fact that the curriculum, especially in education, business and nursing, is very prescribed. She said, "Watson School of Education faculty have been very creative and dedicated, making sure they meet all standards and still get international experiences for their students."

Creating an educational environment that prepares students to be global citizens is one of the university's seven strategic goals, but the costs associated with international travel make it a daunting expense for many students. They often cannot afford to participate.

Endowed funds to support travel scholarships, study abroad stipends and other initiatives help UNCW provide students with the most powerful learning experience possible and are an investment in the teachers, principals and administrators who educate the region's schoolchildren now and in the years to come.

To establish an endowment or make a financial contribution to help students, please contact University Advancement at 910.962.3751.

Inspiring

Jazz legend electrifies music program

by Joy C. Davis '07

You can feel his energy as he strikes the drum set. The rhythmic sway of the music sends vibrations through his body, and a wave of emotion electrifies the crowd. Joe Chambers plays the instrument as if his life depends on it – you might even say he seems possessed.

"When I play jazz, I become part of the music. Possession is the best way I know how to describe what that feels like," said Chambers. "Music inspires people in incomprehensible ways."

As the first Thomas S. Kenan Distinguished Professor of Jazz in the Department of Music, Chambers embodies a new layer of excellence in music at UNCW. The seasoned musician, composer and educator has mastered a variety of percussion instruments ranging from drums to the piano. He has performed and recorded internationally with jazz legends like Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie. His work has been musically sampled by artists like the rapper Nas and featured on soundtracks including Spike Lee's *Mo' Better Blues*.

UNCW jazz studies coordinator Frank Bongiorno, who initiated the jazz program in the 1980s, noted, "We were looking for someone with the stature of Joe who could help us solidify our commitment to expanding our program. Jazz has the ability to reach out and engage people from all walks of life. Whether it is big band music for people in their 80s or Wynton Marsalis for younger generations, the music has a wide appeal that can unify."

Chambers said that he chose to put his expertise to work for students at UNCW because "you learn jazz through apprenticeship, and I am passionate about mentoring well-rounded musicians."

The son of two professional songwriters, Chambers knows a thing or two about apprenticeship. When he was in diapers, the Philadelphia native said he "was banging on pots and pans and listening to legends like Count Basie and Lester Young." He and his five siblings experimented with various instruments and artistic mediums. He believes it was instinct that led him to percussion. "I think there is something inside of a musician that just moves him towards what he is meant to play."

While a natural force may have guided him, it was the renowned jazz musicians of the '60s New York City music scene that helped Chambers develop into a respected artist. At age 21, he became a house recording artist for the Blue Note record label. It was during this post that many of his more than 500 records were crafted, and he learned that great talent is developed by experience in the field, not classroom education alone.

"Jazz is a hands-on thing. If you truly want to learn it, you have to work at it night after night," he said.

At the beginning of the 1970s, as public interest in jazz declined, Chambers took this belief to the classroom as a college music instructor focused on nurturing young musicians and teaching what he

passion

calls "a cosmopolitan form of music education with a historical perspective, using jazz as a base and integrating the classical music idiom."

For the next three decades, Chambers' life continued to serve as an example of apprenticeship. While teaching college courses off and on in New York City for 16 years, he also applied his craft with Max Roach's M'Boom Repercussion, formed the Joe Chambers Quartet jazz combo and toured the world as an international recording artist.

When Chambers left his fast-paced life in the New York jazz scene this summer to join UNCW, he said "it was hard. The jazz culture and the resources you have to build on in that world are tremendous. But I came to UNCW because this is a music program that is strong for its size. This department wants to train students to be good readers and interpreters in a variety of musical genres, and I think I can help."

Department of Music Chair Cathy Albergo agreed, "We are thrilled to have a jazz legend like Joe here whose presence touches on every part of our vision. I am especially pleased with his versatility and desire to connect the jazz and classical music programs."

Although both jazz and classical forms of music have many commonalities, the two genres can often be segregated from each other, creating two fields of music philosophy. It is rare for a university music program to strategically integrate jazz and classical training in student education, but doing so can equal more career options in more music fields.

Because Chambers wants to see students succeed in a competitive job market, he has high standards for their performance.

Chris Velado, a guitar student in one of the jazz big band and combo groups that Chambers mentors, noted that "Joe is the real deal. It can be intimidating to know that he has played with people like Sonny Rollins; but when he critiques us, he treats us like equals. You can read the text of a book, but you can't really understand it until you experience it like I am experiencing jazz with Joe right now."

In alignment with the UNCW music department, Chambers views students not just as learners, but as educators who can play a powerful role in their community.

"Music is a vehicle that can infuse culture into a community and jazz specifically has done this for hundreds of years – from its genesis in Africa to inspiring the first Broadway tunes. Jazz influences are all around us, but people don't recognize it like they once did. I think if we teach our students well, they can help spread music culture while they learn."

Velado said he is fired up about his chance to help develop the rich Wilmington music culture: "It is awesome to be in a combo like this and share my music.'

One way Chambers is celebrating the university's passion for jazz is with Jazz Speaks, a monthly performance and lecture series designed to educate the community about the musical genre. Chambers said, "There are many misconceptions about what jazz is, but how can people make a judgment about music if they haven't heard it? We want to open the door for more people to experience this music." Chambers hopes to use his music connections to introduce Wilmington to famed jazz artists like Wynton Marsalis, who will perform Jan. 15 at UNCW.

Chambers also wants to share Wilmington's talent with the world, by expanding the music department's international relationships and traveling with students to study abroad in the jazz hot spots of other countries like Japan.

Striving to practice what he preaches, Chambers continues to challenge himself as a musician by mastering new instruments. In upcoming public performances, he will introduce audiences to new beats by playing the vibraphone and the marimba.

For more information on Jazz Speaks and other jazz programs, visit **www.uncw.edu/music.**

Erin Whittle

Doctor for the soul

In his junior year, alumnus **Sean Higgins '03** became the first recipient of a Cape Fear Jazz Society Scholarship and, as a senior, received the prestigious William F. Adcock Jr. Music Scholarship.

When not studying in UNCW classrooms and playing in the practice rooms, Higgins performed jazz piano in the clubs in Wilmington. His hard work and experience won him the top graduate assistantship at Northern Illinois University, with stipend and a space in NIU's pre-eminent jazz combo. Following graduate school, he moved to New York City where he became a self-employed musician.

"That was no easy task," he said, "having to compete with the best musicians in the world to pay your rent."

Now a U.S. Jazz Ambassador, Higgins recently completed tours of the Middle East and Russia with Alvin Atkinson and the Sound Merchants. These Rhythm Road tours are promoted by Jazz at Lincoln Center and funded by the U.S. State Department. He also has played in Shanghai, China – to many audiences hearing jazz for the first time.

Higgins doesn't take his job lightly.

"I could make or break their whole perception of the music. As a jazz ambassador, I firmly believe it is important to always bring my A-game. I try to reach everyone. Jazz drummer Winard Harper told me that we musicians are doctors, doctors for the soul. He constantly tries to evaluate his audience to determine just what prescription is necessary to give their spirit enough power to keep on going through whatever it is they might be going through."

Now residing in Shanghai, Higgins performs in many places inside and outside the country. He will headline the Vladivostok Jazz Festival in November with Alvin Atkinson & the Sound Merchants, and his second album as a leader, *Three Years' Stories*, was scheduled for a November release. It will be available at **www.seanhiggins.net**.

Jazz on the Cape Fear

Jazz is an American idiom: a musical conversation – both diverse and inclusive – that tugs at the beat with a rhythm that swings. At UNCW and in Wilmington, the conversation has been strong historically. From Front Street to Wrightsville Beach, jazz spots in Wilmington provide UNCW jazz majors an exposure to exceptional music as well as opportunities for performing.

The Cape Fear Jazz Society (CFJS) brings celebrated jazz performers to Wilmington and advances the understanding of jazz and jazz styles throughout the region by scheduling concerts and festivals and has collaborated with the UNCW Department of Music to advance the appreciation of jazz. Working with former chair Frank Bongiorno, CFJS founded two jazz scholarships.

Few have been as dedicated or as successful in extending the outreach of the Cape Fear Jazz Society as Sandy Evans, who has held a leading role in the organization since its origin in 1997. Each year, Evans devotes her organizational expertise and promotional talent to the statewide North Carolina Jazz Festival, CFJS's premier event. The festival traditionally opens with a performance by the UNCW Big Band, under the direction of Bongiorno. When not performing, guest artists play and practice one-on-one with UNCW jazz majors and offer smaller concerts and seminars to county schoolchildren.

"From the beginnings of the jazz program at UNCW," Bongiorno said, "there has been a connection with the community." It is a connection that has nurtured the love of jazz in Wilmington, put the Port City on maps as a hot spot for jazz – and given UNCW jazz students opportunities to play and perform as professionals.

"The jazz performances we sponsor and the jazz education we promote have helped, I think, to provide a world-class experience and exchange of information about jazz within the region in a way that you might not expect to find outside of New York, Chicago or California," Evans said. "Now, with Joe Chambers here at UNCW, it is a very exciting time."

by Kim Proukou '06M

Tom Kenan stands next to Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo with several family members at the unveiling of a new portrait of Jessie Hargrave Kenan Wise at UNCW's Wise Alumni House. The portrait was painted by Steven Polson, left. Also pictured are Louise Lewis Foster, Mrs. Wise's great-granddaughter; Liza White, her great, great-granddaughter, and Kenan Lewis White, her great-granddaughter.

Kenan professorship named for cultural arts aficionado

The **Thomas S. Kenan III Distinguished Professor of Jazz** honors a true cultural arts aficionado.

The C.D. Spangler Foundation established the professorship and named it for Kenan, a dedicated benefactor who has supported a variety of arts and music programs at institutions across North Carolina. A founder and trustee emeritus of the N.C. School of the Arts, Kenan is well-known for his love of the arts, especially music.

"Tom Kenan has devoted his life to promoting education, preserving our state's history and sharing his love of the arts with others," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said. "UNCW is grateful to have a professorship named for a philanthropist who appreciates great music and believes in nurturing young performers by providing them with outstanding faculty like Kenan Professor of Jazz Joe Chambers."

Kenan, who is vice chairman and director of Flagler System Inc., recently secured family support for the university's renovation of Kenan House and Wise Alumni House, now celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Opportunities

for UNCW faculty grow with two new professorships

by Andrea Weaver

Generous donors with strong ties to UNCW created two endowed professorships this fall that will nurture outstanding faculty, benefit students and, ultimately, produce a wide range of services for the Cape Fear region and North Carolina.

"We rely on endowed professorships to recruit, retain and recognize outstanding teachers and researchers with national reputations for scholarship and service learning," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said. "To continue providing students with the most powerful learning experience possible, we must cultivate our faculty."

The Cameron Family Distinguished Professorship of Innovation in the Nonprofit Sector

Betty Cameron and her children, in their capacity as directors of the Dan Cameron Family Foundation Inc., established a distinguished professorship to develop and lead efforts to improve the effectiveness of the local nonprofit sector and increase philanthropy. The third professorship the family has established at UNCW will be housed in the Department of Public and International Affairs.

The Camerons have many ties to UNCW; Betty and the late Dan Cameron served on several university boards. In 1983 the university named the School of Business in honor of the Cameron family, and in 1988 the business school building was dedicated for Dan and Bruce Cameron.

Enhancing regional engagement and community outreach activities is among the university's highest priorities. According to IRS records, there are more than 1,200 registered non-profit organizations in Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender counties, not counting churches and small grassroots organizations.

The Cameron Distinguished Professor will interact with leaders of the nonprofit, private and public sectors to emphasize the importance of collaboration and partnerships in building a stronger community. The professor also will enhance students' involvement in community and outreach activities.

"A key mission of our Master of Public Administration (MPA) program is to prepare students for leadership and management positions in the nonprofit sector. We accomplish this through classroom work as well as extensive involvement in applied research projects with nonprofit organizations in the community," said Tom Barth, professor of public administration. "This generous gift will allow us to add a national expert to our faculty who will equip our graduate students and nonprofit managers and staff with the cutting-edge knowledge and skills to excel as models for the rest of the state and country."

The Cameron professor will further develop the Quality Enhancement for Nonprofit Organizations (QENO) program, a UNCW-led community initiative that works to increase the effectiveness and sustainability of nonprofit organizations while building philanthropy in southeastern North Carolina.

Sandy and Deborah McNeill Distinguished Professorship in Nursing

Trustee John A. "Sandy" McNeill Jr. and his wife Deborah established a professorship to help the nursing school recruit an expert to educate and prepare future nurses.

"Our region's need for health care continues to grow as our population expands and ages," said Susan Pierce, interim dean of the School of Nursing. "We need to increase access to health care for our citizens. Advanced practice nurses expand community-based access points to high-quality care."

She noted that the nursing school hopes to increase nurses' skills not only in leadership, but also graduate programs in mental health, pediatrics and gerontology.

Both distinguished professorships will be established through a combination of the donors' gifts, support from the C.D. Spangler Foundation and matching funds from the UNCW Board of Governors Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund.

Together in Education with Harris Teeter

For having the most participants in the 2008-09 Together in Education (TIE) program in Harris Teeter's southeastern North Carolina region, the Betty Stike Educational Laboratory at the UNCW Watson School of Education was awarded a 40-inch, plasma screen television.

The Watson School formed a partnership with Harris Teeter Inc. in 2002, making UNCW the first university in the TIE program, which allows VIC card customers to designate a school of their choice to receive a portion of the sale of Harris Teeter brand merchandise.

The TIE program operates August-May, and participants must enroll annually online at www.harristeeter.com or at any Harris Teeter location. UNCW's number is 5034.

The Ed Lab provides UNCW education students with opportunities to tutor elementary and middle schoolchildren. Students practice the methods they are learning in courses. Schoolchildren receive personalized instruction that focuses on their strengths, needs and interests. The TV will be a useful tool for the tutors and children, director Brian Brinkley said.

by Andrea Weaver

Triangle Alumni Chapter *soars* to more success

Alumni from across the Triangle turned out in August and October for a Durham Bulls baseball game and a dinner at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary. Nearly 100 alumni and friends attended the dinner, where they elected chapter officers: **Matt Glova '07**, president; **Dawn King LaSure '83**, vice president; and **Nikki Howard '96**, secretary.

"UNCW has been an important part of my life, and I want to maintain my connections to the university," Glova said. "We are all Seahawks, and even though we no longer live near campus, we need to find ways to connect with each other and UNCW."

During dinner, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo inspired alumni with her remarks about the university. Many were surprised to learn that the average freshmen SAT this year is 1156, the highest in UNCW history. They were impressed with the construction and renovation that have taken place on campus in recent years, and proud to hear that UNCW continues to earn national recognition for high quality and affordability from *U.S. News & World Report*, *Forbes*, *Kiplinger's* and other publications.

For **Jennifer Jarrell '93**, the dinner offered her an opportunity to reflect on her days as a student at UNCW. A quality assurance specialist at Cogenics, an international genomics services company, Jarrell hopes her 7-year-old son will consider attending UNCW someday. She is looking forward to homecoming in January and plans to spend a week in Wilmington next summer so that her son can participate in MarineQuest, a popular youth summer camp sponsored by the university.

"This event makes me want to go back to school," she said. "I want to be back in biology class with Dr. Bob Roer (now dean of the graduate school). I loved his class. I learned so much at UNCW."

Top, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo and Frederick Aikens '76 at the Triangle Alumni Chapter dinner.

Bottom, Matt Glova '97 and senior Sarah McKone enjoyed the Triangle Alumni Chapter dinner in Cary, where he was elected chapter president.

Autumn Fleam

points *of* pride *for* uncw alumni

(from Chancellor DeFaolo's remarks at the Triangle Alumni Chapter event)

- The average freshman SAT is 1156, the highest in UNCW history and among the best in the UNC system.
- UNCW students have the second-highest graduation rate in the UNC system.
- UNCW student-athletes posted a 90 percent graduation success rate, second highest in the Colonial Athletic Association.
- UNCW has constructed or renovated more than 15 buildings in the past four years. The university broke ground on the School of Nursing Building in October (see article, pages 2-3).
- Alumni and other donors have given more than $30 million to UNCW during the past four fiscal years, setting fundraising records each year.
- Researchers at the Center for Marine Science received a second patent for their efforts to derive beneficial health applications from algal toxins. They are getting closer and closer to an effective treatment for cystic fibrosis (see article, page 9).

Rankings:

- 11 straight years on the *U.S.News & World Report* top 10 list of public master's universities in the South.
- Fifth on *U.S.News*' first-ever list of "up-and-coming" master's universities in the South.
- One of the top two public universities in North Carolina, according to *Forbes*.

For more UNCW "points of pride," visit **www.uncw.edu/facts**.

stayconnected to your alma mater!

Visit **www.uncw.edu/alumni**.

Visit www.youtube.com/uncw to see a short video from the Triangle Alumni Chapter event as well as many other videos featuring UNCW students, faculty and staff.

Visit the alumni association and university connections on Facebook.

Read this magazine and the monthly e-newsletter, *Seahawk Spotlight*. Don't receive it? Sign up by sending your e-mail address to spotlight@uncw.edu.

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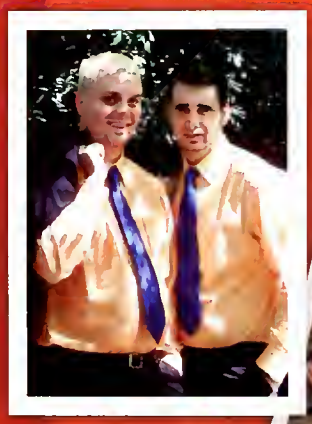
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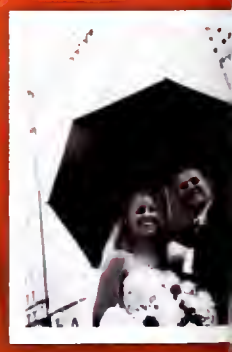
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1960s

Jack Loftus '66 of Atlanta retired as senior vice president and chief communications officer after 17 years with The Nielsen Company, a global information and media measurement company.

1970s

Buzz Banadyga '72 is a minister/evangelist with the Portland Church of God in Portland, Ore.

Dick Miller '72 was ordained as a deacon in the Anglican Church and was appointed assistant pastor of Epiphany Anglican Church in Lafayette, Colo., in January 2008. He has a psychotherapy/counseling practice in Longmont, Colo.

Robert Rehder '72 was named dean of college advancement and foundation executive director at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville.

Wanda Ellis McNair '73 passed away April 14, 2008.

Rick Jones '75, 15-year coach of the Tulane University Green Wave baseball team, was named Team USA's national baseball coach for 2009.

Donna Potter '76 and **Harold Quidley '77** published a coffee table book titled *NC Wreck Diving: Life in the Graveyard of the Atlantic*. The book features 40 photos taken by the couple from 1975 through 1985 from the Cape Fear area northward to Cape Lookout.

Jay Tilley '76 was appointed Granville County development director by the Economic Development Commission and is in charge of recruiting business and industry to the county.

Shelia Boles '77 retired after 31 years in coaching and athletic administration at John T. Hoggard High School, where she led the varsity boys' basketball team to 167 victories in 11 seasons and was the first Hoggard boys' coach with a winning record.

Sharon L. Lizardo '77, senior deputy district attorney in Stanislaus County, Calif., was the lead prosecutor on a six-month, high profile home invasion and sexual assault trial that resulted in the conviction of four individuals on 38 counts. The work of district attorney's office was acknowledged by the county's board of supervisors with a certificate of recognition.

Lynn Newbern Nash '77 was the Bertie County Arts Council Featured Artist of the Month in March 2008.

Paul Stevens '79 was promoted to assistant manager at Peak Fitness in Charlotte.

1980s

Carol Eakins Bonham '83 is an honored lifetime member in the 2007-08 edition of the Biltmore Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals.

Alvin D. Brantley Jr. '83 was promoted in April 2008 to postmaster of the Kinston Post Office.

Deborah L. Lorris '83 graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing degree in May 2007 from the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing.

Gary M. Bulloch '84, president and CEO of American Stainless & Supply in Cheraw, S.C., was awarded the South Carolina Ambassadors Award, given to individuals who have made significant contributions to community and state development

Stephanie Webb Churn '84 received the Outstanding Community Engagement Award from the University Park Alliance for her vision and direction in establishing a learning environment with high ideals and an emphasis on providing her students and their families access to superior educational resources. Stephanie is the principal of Mason Community Learning Center in Akron, Ohio.

Jeff Allsbrook '85 was promoted to captain in the support services division of the Wilmington Police Department.

Caison Enterprises Inc., led by **Earl F. Caison II '85**, was the 2008 recipient of the President's Award for leadership in business and education partnerships presented by James Sprunt Community College.

John A. Lasley '85, who retired as a lieutenant colonel after 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, works for Science Applications International Corporation in support of U.S. Southern Command requirements and activities throughout Central and South America. He also owns a security consulting firm that provides a wide range of aerial and ground surveillance consulting to contractors, the U.S. Department of Defense and foreign governments.

Clarice Hand Williams '85 was honored as an Intriguing African-American Woman by the Northeast Community Development Corporation at its 2008 black history program.

Karen Williams Burton '86, '96M is a high school academically gifted consultant for Pender County High Schools.

Edward C. Gibson '86 was named police chief for the town of Burgaw.

Lt. Col. Roddy L. Adams '87 is the commander of the U.S. Army Reserve's Kinston-based 362nd Quartermaster Battalion which includes units in Rocky Mount, Wilmington, Winterville and a public affairs unit in Garner.

Pamela L. Macior '87 owns her own design firm, Pamela Macior, LLC, and does design work in Wilmington and abroad.

Melissa Manley '87 teaches metal construction at Cape Fear Community College and mixed media workshops for adults annually at Artfest in Port Townsend, Wash. Her work was published in *Crafting Personal Shrines* and *Somerset Studio Magazine* as well as metalsmithing books.

Mark A. McKeithan '87 and Sharon C. Nealy were married April 12, 2008.

Dale M. Kopczynski '88 is the program director for the Down East Partnership for Children.

Julia Stout Siegel '89 and her husband Robert, announce the birth of twins, Pierce Bryan and Katherine Alexis, on Jan. 2, 2008. The Siegel family resides in New York City.

Todd Thibodeaux '88 is president and chief executive officer of the Computing Technology Industry Association, the leading trade association for the world's information technology industry.

1990s

Jodi Davis '90M received an award for outstanding leadership from the New Hanover County Girl Scouts. She has spent the past 11 years leading two Girl Scout troops and serving as a Girl Scout trainer.

Lorie Moore Floyd '90 was the 2008 UNCW School of Nursing Outstanding Alumna and was recognized at the Nurses' Day Celebration held on May 8, 2008. She is the vice president of home care services with Liberty Home Care.

Harvey S. Forbes Jr. '90 is the senior vice president at First Bank of Sanford.

Ronda Hatcher '90, a teacher at West Brunswick High School in Shallotte, was selected from a national pool to attend one of 27 summer study opportunities supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. She attended a six-week seminar titled "Authors in the Prado: Spanish art and the literature it inspired" in Madrid, Spain, in collaboration with the staff of the Prado Museum.

Christina L. Russell '90 and Bruce E. Dillon were married Feb. 16, 2008.

Margaret E. Taylor '90 was named Rescue Person of the Year by the Duplin Rotary Club. She is assistant rescue chief in Faison and a member of seven rescue and educational associations.

Brian Barndt '91, who had a heart transplant in 2005, competed in the Gary Kirby Triathlon for Cancer Research held June 2008 in Raleigh, swimming the 300-yard leg of the competition.

A special education teacher at South Brunswick Middle School, **Laura L. Brooks '91** received the Outstanding Young Educator and Leadership award from the N.C. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Region 2.

Peter C. Leighton '91 served as 2007-08 president of Business Network International Miami Dade, an exclusive word-of-mouth marketing professional referral organization.

Michael H. Williams '91 was promoted to captain with the Cary Police Department and will serve as commander for the Investigations and Family Service Division.

Vickie Mobley Brown '92 is the principal of Meadow View Elementary School in the Onslow County School System.

James B. Faircloth '92M serves on the senior management team at Alerus Financial Corporation, directing all corporate branding and strategic marketing initiatives.

Andrew P. Innis '92 of Raleigh is a grants manager supervisor with the N.C. Division of Emergency Management. He has a master's degree in psychology from Auburn University.

Erich J. Kolb '92 and Patricia L. Fearing were married May 17, 2008.

Dawn Evans Radford '92 published her first novel, *Oyster Flats* in October 2007 with Pottersville Press. She was reappointed by the governor of Florida to a second term on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

Rob Sherry '92 is an investigator with Global Options. He, his wife Brandy and son Brayden live in Scranton, Pa.

Thomas M. Curtis Jr. '93 and Maggie E. Woodlief were married April 26, 2008.

Christian P. Enojado '93 and Stephanie D. Cotten were married June 7, 2008.

Ed Moseley '93 and his wife Ali, owners of Rapid Refill, were profiled in a June issue of *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*.

Wendy Murphy '93, a member of the UNCW Board of Trustees, was appointed to Duplin General Hospital's Board of Directors.

Timothy K. Otto '93 and his wife Catherine announce the birth of a son, Andrew Timothy, on Jan. 14, 2008.

Debra A. Pikul '93 and Robert L. Stephens were married May 8, 2008.

Melissa A. Budzinski '94 and Darrell S. Coleman were married Sept. 2, 2006. Melissa is a clinical services manager for Diamond Healthcare Corporation in Richmond, Va.

Genie Riggan Faulkner '94 is the principal of Laurel Mill Elementary School. She has worked at the school for 14 years as physical education teacher and assistant principal.

Randy Good '94 is the senior manager for biology programs at Noblis in the Center of National Security and Intelligence.

Patrick Kay '94 is a manager for Accenture, a global leader of consulting, outsourcing and strategy work, in Huntersville.

Howard S. Meister '94 is a marine fish biologist with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources whose work has included life history studies on southeastern U.S. marine fishes, tracking the invasive lionfish, characterizing deep reefs and diving 3,000 feet underwater in research subs.

Kristen Barry Poythress '94 and her husband Todd announce the birth of a daughter, Mackenzie, on June 3, 2008.

Brandi Goertemiller Reynolds '94,'05M and her husband John announce the birth of a son, Nathan Scott, on May 8, 2008.

Dallas E. Romanowski '94 is president of Cornerstone Advisory Partners Inc., a management consulting firm in Wilmington.

James Southerland '94 and Kimberly Rivenbark were married Feb. 16, 2008.

Kathy Alstrin '95 is pursuing a graduate degree at the University of Kansas Department of Special Education.

Hightower

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Vickie Wilkinson Barnes '95 and her husband John announce the birth of a daughter, Ella Frances, on March 21, 2008. A fifth grade math teacher at Vance Charter School, Vickie received National Board Certification.

Kelly Toher Boylan '95 earned National Board Certification in literacy. She teaches in the Wake County Public School System.

Nancy E. Capps '95 and Charlie Ray Carroll were married Jan. 4, 2008.

Emily Bradley Helms '95 and her husband M. Flint announce the birth of a daughter, Emma Reagan, on Jan. 7, 2008.

Anne E. Minard '95 published her first book, *Pluto and Beyond*, in April 2007 and is a frequent contributor to National Geographic News, an online service of the National Geographic Society. She resides in Cleveland, Tenn.

Ryan J. Overholt '95 and his wife Michelle announce the birth of a son, Jackson Steeler, on Jan. 18, 2008. Ryan handles outside sales for Stock Building Supply in Mashpee, Mass.

Zandra Harris Pinnix '95 received a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology in May 2008 from Wake Forest University.

Beverly Turner '95, a sixth grade teacher at Central Middle School, received National Board Certification.

Erin Baker VanDreason '95 and her husband Luke announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Madalynn, on Aug. 1, 2007. Erin is an innovation coordinator for Wachovia.

Kevin L. '96 and Barbi Hoff Barber '97 announce the birth of a daughter, Laine Winifred, on April 22, 2007.

Shelly Richardson Casey '96 was recognized by the Alamance County Board of Education as a recipient of the Kenan Fellowship. Kenan Fellows are public school teachers selected through a competitive process to participate in a prestigious two-year fellowship.

Mark S. Pierce '96 specializes in residential sales at the Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles' Asheville office.

Rachele A. Thompson '96 of Richmond, Va., is a sales training developer for Carmax.

Stephanie M. Willis '96 is the principal of Cape Fear Elementary School.

John W. '96 and **Kimberly Krack Zimmerman '97** announce the birth of a daughter, Lucy Love, on June 27, 2008.

Chris Bauernfeind '97 is a diver in the New England Aquarium's giant ocean tank. He was featured in a June 30, 2008, *Boston Globe* story on odd jobs titled "He plunged feet first, right into his dream job."

Scott Davidoff '97 and his wife Jamie announce the birth of a daughter, Elliott Anne, on Apr. 22, 2008. Scott is the parks and recreation director for Parkland, Fla.

Natalie L. Page '97 and Jason C. Inman were married June 28, 2008.

Lori J. Peterson '97 has a Web page dedicated to her artwork: www.joyfu-lartwork.com.

Kathleen L. Phelps '97 and **Michael Bove '97** were married Dec. 15, 2007.

Tim Reaves '97 received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury. He has been serving the Bladen Charge United Methodist churches for 11 years and is chair of the N.C. Conference Commission on Evangelism.

Blake S. Rouse '97 and Elizabeth A. Sabiston were married May 24, 2008.

Hal Wilson '97 was named the 2007-08 Northeast Georgia Boys Basketball Coach of the Year by the Athens Banner-Herald and 2007-08 North Oconee All-Sports Co-Coach of the Year by his peers. As North Oconee High School's varsity boy's basketball coach, he led his team to 19 wins last season, after only winning 21 games during the previous three seasons combined.

Todd Blumenreich '98 is principal of Beaufort County Early College High School, which opened Aug. 7, 2008.

Amy N. Butler '98 and James A. Tew were married April 26, 2008.

Mark D. Byington '98 and his wife Christy announce the birth of a son, Chase, on Oct. 11, 2007. Mark is an assistant basketball coach at the College of Charleston.

Sharon Irving Byrdsong '98M was awarded a doctorate degree in education from Regent University.

Anna Maria Cancelli '98, '03M was named Faculty Member of the Year at Coastal Carolina Community College.

Kimberly Greene Engelhardt '98 and her husband Brian announce the birth of a son, Liam Reid, on Aug. 18, 2007.

Jonathan Faires '98 and his wife Christa announce the birth of a son, Brennan Russell, on March 2, 2007.

Lesley D. Harrell '98 and Joshua A. Craven were married April 19, 2008.

Ginger Plyler Hightower '98 and her husband Jon announce the birth of a son, James Crawford, on Jan. 20, 2008.

Clayton C. Holmes '98 is a member of the Cape Fear Jazz Society and a supporter of the music program at UNCW.

Michael '98 and Misty Snead Lawrence '98 announce the birth of a daughter, Kennedy Paige, on May 28, 2008.

Ellen S. Stone '98 and Collin Linehan were married March 29, 2008.

Summer Watson Taylor '98 and her husband Scott launched their new company's Web site, www.gdbddesign.com.

Dallas L. Alford IV '99 founded Atlantic Financial Consulting in Wilmington.

Wendy Cabral '99M is director of personnel services for Sampson County Schools.

Teresa Cunningham-Brown '99 is a Cornell Certified Diversity Professional, a certification earned at Cornell University. She is the director of recruitment and retention with Wake County public schools.

Denny Deaton Jr. '99 launched a new Web site – www.humzoo.com – that allows people to create personal Web sites for free.

Tammy R. Dozier '99 and her husband Barry announce the birth of a daughter, Camille Justine Scott, on March 1, 2008.

Sarah L. Henson '99 and Michael T. Wimbish were married May 17, 2008.

Jon W. Odgers '99 and Michelle A. Cawley were married June 7, 2008. Jon is a server engineer with IBM.

Margaret A. Jackson '99 is pursuing a master's degree in international studies at NC State University where she is a resident director leading community development for international graduate students.

Rebecca D. Kearney '99 and Clifton L. Owens were married March 29, 2008.

Joanna S. Mayer '99 is enrolled at Duke Divinity School and is an intern at Buckhorn United Methodist Church.

Marci Hempel Raines '99 published her first fiction novel, *The Soubise Girl*.

Shaun D. Richards '99 was awarded Best in Show for his mixed media painting "Bootleg Romanticism," part of the North Carolina Artists Exhibition in Raleigh.

Jennie L. Steele '99, a realtor/broker with Intracoastal Realty, was named to the executive committee of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Association's 2008 sales and marketing council.

Parker '99 and Susanna Rabon Stevens '01 announce the birth of a daughter, Isabella Noelle, on March 15, 2008.

Jennifer L. Walmsley '99 announces the birth of a daughter, Taylor Reed Askenstedt, on May 31, 2008. Jennifer is an eighth grade science teacher at H.J. MacDonald Middle School in New Bern.

Susan K. Worsley '99 and Casey J. Salem were married July 12, 2008. Susan is employed by PPD Inc.

Garland E. '99 and Rebecca Rider Yopp '95 announce the birth of a son, Garland Wesley, on March 7, 2008.

2000s

Tracey E. Barefoot '00 and John C. Bailey were married April 5, 2008.

Matt Davis '00 is the president of Discount Quality Furniture. He was featured in a June 30, 2008, article in the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

Nathan L. Faulk '00 is the basketball coach at South View High School in Hope Mills.

Marisa G. Gause '00 was named Waccamaw Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

Scott S. Huntley '00 and Kelly A. GaNun were married April 12, 2008.

Stephania Jackson '00 and Dan Bloodworth II were married March 29, 2008. Stephania earned a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in accounting in 2007 from the University of Phoenix. She is a finance and stewardship officer with New Hanover Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Alejandro Lalinde '00 graduated from the Academy of Art University and is a director of photography in Los Angeles, shooting commercials and music videos for rap artists such as LL Cool J and Nas.

Kristy A. Lohr '00 and Gary J. Bowers were married June 6, 2008. Kristy is a registered nurse with Arcadia Family Practice and Thomasville Medical Center.

Charles S. '00 and Shannon Barry '07 McHone announce the birth of a son, Landen Clarence, on Sept. 18, 2007. Charles is a law student at Appalachian School of Law and Shannon teaches at Russell Prater Elementary School.

Jennifer Patterson Mickey '00 and her husband Charles announce the birth of a daughter, Addison Grace, on July 25, 2008.

Caroline G. Miller '00 and William C. Baggett were married Sept. 22, 2007.

Zachary A. Molihan '00 and Suzanne S. Wheeler were married Jan. 25, 2008.

Karl A. '00 and Jennifer Jones Pleasant '00 announce the birth of a son, Reece Anthony, on Nov. 24, 2007.

Priscilla Johnson Prince '00 was named Supply Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

Amy E. Ricks '00 and Croy C. Schroeder were married May 17, 2008. Amy is an associate buyer with Family Dollar Stores in Matthews.

C. Aaron Ross '00 received his osteopathic medical degree from Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Ky., in May 2008. He began his family practice residency in Bristol, Tenn., in June 2008.

Kimberly Schuerger Rule '00 and her husband Jeffrey announce the birth of a son, Ethan Jeffrey, on March 5, 2008.

Brian K. Shackelford '00, '01M and his wife Rikki announce the birth of a son, Noah Thomas, on Aug. 28, 2008. Brian is a manager with Dixon Hughes.

Wendy E. Worsley '00 and Dennis A. Fullerton Jr. were married May 10, 2008.

Sona B. Allen '01 and Christian A. Preziosi '98M were married Oct. 13, 2007. Sona is a health service coordinator for Life Line Screening, and Christian is the wetlands section manager for Land Management Group Inc.

Kristen Beckmeyer '01 and Meredith Sullivan '01 opened the bakery Coastal Cupcakes in Wilmington. Their Web site is www.coastalcupcakes.com.

William B. Hodge '01 received a Ph.D. in physics from Wake Forest University in July 2008. He is an adjunct assistant professor for Wake Forest University.

Winifred M. Hutchens '01 and Horace V. Pigford III were married Aug. 9, 2008. She is employed by Dr. Stephanie G. Hackney, DDS.

Kristel Wendorf Lassiter '01 was accepted into the Master of Nursing degree program at Vanderbilt University. Her concentration area is neonatal nurse practitioner. She is a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

Matt Lutz '01 is playing the role of David in *Port City*, an independent feature filmed in Wilmington

Amanda Cobb McGough '01 completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 2007 and is as a psychologist with Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

Leigh Ann Rushing McPherson'01 earned her National Board Certification.

Eileen Normanly '01 spent the summer preparing for her second New York City Marathon on Nov. 2, 2008. She ran for the charitable organization Team for Kids that promotes health education to battle childhood obesity. She is a designer of men's footwear and accessories for J. Crew.

Karen Olson '01 received her Ph.D. in developmental biology from Washington University in St. Louis. She is a clinical chemistry fellow at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

Abby Rierson '01 and Kevin Milz were married May 3, 2008. Abby is a senior quality analyst for PPD Inc. in Research Triangle Park.

Gina M. Santore '01, '04M and Adam M. Gunther were married May 24, 2008. Gina is a financial analyst for Duke University Health System.

Juan C. Schultz '01 graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Karie L. Siko '01 graduated in May 2008 from UNC Chapel Hill with a Ph.D. in education focusing on technology, teacher education and English education.

Erica E. Smith '01 graduated from Wake Forest University in May 2008 with a Master of Arts degree. She was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo., in August 2008 and is the director of the educational opportunity center at Surry Community College in Dobson.

Kristy R. Stinson '01 and Gregory Haller were married July 14, 2007. Kristy is a paramedic for Buncombe County Emergency Management Service.

Kate Boyce Tayloe '01, '07M and her husband Jeffrey announce the birth of a daughter, Bennett Leary, on Dec. 11, 2007. Kate teaches at Myrtle Grove Middle School in Wilmington.

Michelle Ottey '01 and Daniel J. Urban '03 were married July 14, 2007.

Kevin L. '01 and Amy Greenwood Riley '02 announce the birth of son, Peyton Kyle, on May 15, 2008.

Amy L. Stack '01 and Randall C. Jenkins Jr. were married on June 30, 2007. Amy is a kindergarten teacher at Pearce Elementary School in Guilford County.

Kristen Whalen '01 received a Ph.D. in biological oceanography from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in May 2008. She was awarded the National Science Foundation's International Postdoctoral Fellowship and will pursue research at both the University of New South Wales, Australia, and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Matt Weaver '01 passed his certified financial planner exam.

Charles C. Blanton '02 was accepted to the N.C Central School of Law.

Stephanie D. Brooks '02 and Jason P. Hawver were married March 29, 2008. Stephanie pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Auburn Carpenter '02, '04M is the education projects manager with the Texas State Aquarium.

Christie A. Coggins '02 and James W. DeBruhl were married July 19, 2008.

Allison Daley '02 and Jeremy Jester were married Sept. 22, 2007. They reside in Washington, D.C.

Gregory G. Eppard '02 graduated from UNC School of Medicine in May 2008 and will specialize in obstetrics and gynecology.

James M. '02 and Brooke Davis Fulcher '01 announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah James, on Sept. 26, 2008. Brooke is a retail banking officer at Sound Bank in Cedar Island. James was voted the 2008 UNCW Communication Studies Alumnus of the Year and is a lead electronics technician for Northrop Grumman.

Jonathon Glazebrook '02 is an account executive at Giant Creative/Strategy, LLC, a full-service healthcare communications agency.

Meredith Hill '02 and James Miner were married March 8, 2008. Meredith is a sales support representative for Experian in Charlotte.

Audra Burton Hodges '02 and her husband Robert S. announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Grace, on Jan. 1, 2008.

Jeffrey C. Ingram '02 and Valerie E. Coleman were married June 21, 2008. Jeffery is a pharmaceuticals sales representative with Novaquest Pharmaceuticals. The couple resides in Cary.

Jenee K. Laplace '02 received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in July 2008.

Krista R. Long '02 and Taylor Jones were married June 23, 2007. Krista is a sixth grade teacher at Leland Middle School, where she was voted Leland Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Jeff Owen '02 was promoted to superintendent of Fort Fisher State Recreation Area and is responsible for staffing, training, law enforcement, visitor services, natural resource protection and environmental education.

Andy Shelton '02 and Tara Lee were married July 12, 2008. Andy is a clinical research associate for PPD Inc.

Kristi L. Sluiter '02 graduated from the veterinary school at NC State University in May 2007. She is a veterinarian with Capeside Animal Hospital in Leland.

Mary Allison L. Whitfield '02 received a master's degree in elementary education from East Carolina University as well as a license to teach academically gifted children.

Allison L. Andrews '03 and John W. Albert were married June 21, 2008. Allison is an English teacher at Westchester County Day School.

Dan Burke '03 is ranked 10th in the world for indoor kart racing.

Tammy L. Byerly '03 and Andrew J. Flynt were married Sept. 8, 2007.

Leah M. Creswell '03 was named Teacher of the Year at Malpass Corner Elementary School.

Brandy N. Grossman '03 and Ryan D. Satterfield were married June 21, 2008.

Holly G. Grady '03 and Richard E. Edwards were married June 14, 2008. A teacher with Clinton City Schools, Holly is pursuing a master's degree in curriculum, instruction and supervision at UNCW.

Jeremy Griffin '03 is the senior copywriter with Ignite Social Media.

Meaghan Lowery Hardgrove '03 and her husband William J. announce the birth of a son, William "Finn," on Oct. 19, 2007.

Katie A. Hendrix '03 and Brian S. Hoggard were married April 26, 2008. Katie is a project assistant with PPD Inc. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Melissa Gilden Hurdle '03 and her husband Brett announce the birth of a daughter, Logan Brittany, on Jan. 18, 2007. Melissa is a research analyst with Duke University Medical Center.

Michael S. Kelly '03 is serving in Camp Adar, Iraq, with the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

Malcomb Coley, left, and three of the men he has honored with scholarship endowments were recognized in November at Kenan House. Pictured are Denis Carter, James Bray and Ralph Parker.

Mentors honored with scholarships

"Climb with one hand so that the other hand is free to help bring someone else up."

This inspiring lesson Malcomb Coley '86, '88M learned from his mentors at UNCW and is one he lets guide his own life.

A partner in the Assurance and Advisory Business Services Group with Ernst & Young in Atlanta, Coley is responsible for the company's diversity initiatives across the Southeast. He strives to help the accounting firm create an "equitable opportunity for all through the use of good mentors, peer advisors and the necessary resources for success such as up-to-date training and technology."

The 2004 Outstanding Cameron School of Business Alumni Award recipient, Coley is dedicated to helping UNCW students get their feet wet in the corporate world. He returns annually to attend Business Week, is a member of the Cameron School of Business Executive Advisory Board and recently made a commitment to endow five scholarships in recognition of his own mentors and to give deserving students a financial helping hand.

"The university has given so much to me. I did not get where I am on my own. I had the support of outstanding teachers and role models. It is a natural thing to give back. It is my responsibility to young people to provide them with the same experiences I had," said Coley.

As a UNCW student, Coley worked hard to get a good foundation, good grades, participate in extra circular activities, acquire leadership roles and create strong relationships with teachers. Coley tributes much of his success to the skills and relationships he developed as a student.

Once Coley realized he wanted to be involved in public accounting, he started networking and developing relationships.

"Networking is crucial. It allows you to get to know people from both a personal and professional standpoint. They could become a mentor or provide guidance. It also provides you the opportunity to showcase yourself," Coley said.

Professors such as Fara Elikai played an influential role in Coley's journey at UNCW.

"He was very forthright with me by telling me the things I needed to hear versus the things that I wanted to hear," Coley said.

Elikai said the relationship has been two-way.

"It was my pleasure to have Malcomb as a student, and it continues to be a pleasure seeing him become so successful in his career. As a student, Malcomb was highly diligent, thorough and unusually talented. As a person, he was highly motivated, dedicated to self-development, enjoyed intellectual challenges and strived to excel," Elikai said. "Throughout the decades since he graduated, Malcomb has provided distinguished service and contributions to the Cameron School of Business and the University of North Carolina Wilmington."

Thanks to his commitment to giving back to the UNCW community, Coley has left footprints in the sand for UNCW students to follow for years to come.

At the 2008 Stompin' at the Savoy fundraiser, he announced a $250,000, 10-year commitment to fund five scholarships, including two new scholarships. Existing scholarships honor the inspiration and accomplishments of his former professor Denis G. Carter, Ralph Parker, former director of minority affairs at UNCW, and the late Douglas Johnson, who was registrar. The new ones recognize Lt. Col. James Bray, director of career planning and placement, and the Cameron School of Business.

"These four men can never be repaid for all they have given us. This is a way to help with their individual legacies, which will now live in perpetuity at this great university. It is one of the ways we say 'thanks' to them," Coley said.

A medical technologist at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, **Tiffany N. Lewis '03** is enrolled in Duke University's physician assistant program.

Heather McEntire '03, guitarist and vocalist, and **Nathan Buchanan '03**, drummer, are members of the band Bellafea. Their debut full-length album is titled *Cavalcade* (Southern Records).

Brook Morris '03 received a Master of Business Administration degree in May 2008 from Augusta State University.

Kathleen Morrow '03 published two research papers from her master's degree thesis on kelp forests; one was published in the journal *Marine Ecology Progress Series* and the other in the journal *Marine Biology*. Morrow received the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Nancy Foster Scholarship, which provides funding for four years of doctorate research, and a Smithsonian pre-doctoral fellowship to study marine biochemistry with the director of the Smithsonian in Ft. Pierce, Fla. In addition to her awards, she presented her dissertation research on coral-algal-microbial association at the eleventh International Coral Reef Symposium in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Brittany Rester '03 and Michael Chowske were married May 10,2008. Brittany is a program developer and manager with the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District Area Agency on Aging.

Jason C. Rollins '03 was promoted to marketing manager at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Mercer University in Atlanta.

Christy A. Smith '03 and Russell A. Simmerman '03 were married June 21, 2008. Both are employed by Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Abbey Wade '03 worked on the feature film *The 27 Club*, which made its international debut at the Tribeca Film Festival.

William B. Warren '03 and Mildred M. Pelletier were married June 14, 2008.

Leah E. Wetzler '03M and Chadwick S. Ashley were married June 21, 2008. Leah is a social studies teacher, junior varsity cheerleading coach and an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) elective teacher.

Jessica A. Williams '03 earned National Board Certification.

Lyndsay S. Benson '04 is a member of the Wilmington Ladies Tea Walk Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Tracey A. Boone '04 is pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching at Oregon State University.

Kimberly E. Burkhardt '04 and Kristopher Slozac were married April 5, 2008.

Virginia A. Costin '04 and Michael L. Wheeler '05 were married June 28, 2008.

Raven M. Davis '04 and Joshua Q. Little '02 were married May 17, 2008.

Katie Gaston '04 was promoted to banking officer for CapStone Bank in Raleigh.

Erin L. Johnson '04 and Keith J. Lynch were married July 19, 2008.

Joel Justus '04 is the head varsity basketball coach at Woodberry Forest School in Madison County, Va.

Carly Camper Kanzler '04 graduated in June 2008 with a master's degree in music education from East Carolina University. She teaches general music and chorus at Eaton Elementary School in Wilmington.

Kristen D. Lambert '04 and Wayne A. Hollowell Jr. '02 were married June 21, 2008.

Jennifer Mais '04 is a marketing coordinator with St. John's Clinic in Springfield, Mo. She earned a Master of Science degree in administrative studies from Missouri State University.

Adam C. Matthews '04 is a business/information technology analyst with the UNCW Office of Admissions.

Brian E. McCandless '04 and Amy Jo Eggleston were married May 17, 2008.

Melissa G. Meadows '04 and Chris N. Rader '01 were married May 12, 2007.

As president of Mantamamma Inc. and founder of La Casa de Coco Loco, **Michelle W. Moore '04M** lives on a remote tropical island in Panama, 20 minutes from the nearest village if traveling by dugout canoe. La Casa de Coco Loco is a retreat that provides a nurturing environment to help people with life-altering diseases find a level of acceptance of the significant changes in their lives.

Donna Raspa '04M is the principal of Rosman Elementary School in Transylvania County.

Tamara H. Rosenbloom '04 and Samuel C. Schauf '03 were married May 24, 2008. Tamara is a freelance writer, and Samuel is an actuarial consultant for Ernst and Young.

Caden D. Simpson '04 and Kellen W. Phillips were married May 17, 2008. Caden is employed with Archer Daniels Midland Co. in Southport.

Angie L. Smith '04 received a juris doctorate degree in May 2008 from Florida Coastal School of Law.

Megan Strickland '04 is the varsity volleyball and girls' basketball coach at West Bladen High School in Bladenboro.

Ashley Strong '04 is a member of the mortgages sales team at Regions Bank in Wilmington.

Allie Weeks Thomas '04 and her husband Billy announce the birth of a daughter, London Olivia, on June 2, 2008. Allie is pursuing a master's degree in illustration design at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Erika S. Veth '04 earned a Master of Arts degree in English literature in May 2008 from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

The Lifetime channel movie *Fab Five: The Texas Cheerleading Scandal* was inspired by the coaching experiences of **Michaela Ward '04** at McKinney North High School. Michaela is now an assistant human resources director for one of her former cheerleader's families and is working on a master's degree in human resource management at the University of Northern Texas. She was featured in a story in the July 31, 2008, issue of the *Jacksonville Daily News*.

Bambi C. Weavil '04 is the CEO/publisher of Out Impact Inc., organizing events and fundraisers for nonprofits nationwide. Out Impact Inc. co-sponsored UNCW's production of Vagina Monologues in February 2008. Her online gay publication, *Out Impact*, can be found at OutImpact.com.

Ben C. Williams '04 completed a teaching licensure add-on program for safety and driver education in May 2008 at East Carolina University. In July he started the second year of a two-year position as grade level chair for first grade at Harris Creek Year-Round Elementary School.

Andrew L. Almeter '05 is pursuing a master's degree in environmental studies at UNCW.

Jason Alston '05 earned a Master of Library Science degree in May 2008 from NC Central University. He was the first post-M.L.S. diversity resident in the University of North Carolina Greensboro University Libraries.

Elizabeth H. Bordeaux '05 earned a master's degree in history from UNC-Chapel Hill and is pursuing a master's degree in library science at NC Central University.

Deborah A. Brown '05 and Travis A. Lemanski were married July 12, 2008. Deborah is a history teacher and coach at North Brunswick High School in Leland.

Beth R. Carter '05 is a school specialist with Public Consulting Group Inc. in Nashville, Tenn., specializing in the development, training and implementation of the EasyIEP software, used by Tennessee Special Educators.

Scott A. Chadwick '05 and Jaime C. Crisp were married July 12, 2008.

Katherine E. Cottle '05 and Charles D. Kemble were married May 10, 2008.

Ashley Brooke Cox '05 and Charles Justin Whitley were married May 17, 2008.

Founder of the Guerilla Theatre Company, **Richard Davis '05** opened his own performance venue in Wilmington, the 50-seat Brown Coat Pub & Theatre.

Jennifer-Anne Godwin '05 and Jonathan E. Thorndyke '04 were married April 5, 2008. Jennifer-Anne is a teacher instructional support specialist with AIG (Academically/Intelligently Gifted) program for Johnston County Schools. Jonathan is a finance manager for Lee Nissan Dealership in Wilson.

Amanda E. Guld '05 received a Ph.D. in special education and applied behavior analysis and is an educational consultant with the May Institute.

Bundage J. Guy '05 and Lindsay Mangum were married May 17, 2008.

Susan A. Heacock '05 and John D. Hitt '03 were married June 28, 2008. Susan is an English teacher at Emsley A. Laney High School, and John is employed at *Encore Magazine*.

Christopher M. Hicks '05 received a Juris Doctorate degree from Campbell University's School of Law.

Christopher Keck '05 made his television debut in February 2008 as a featured extra on the CW network's *One Tree Hill*, playing guitar behind MySpace recording artist Kate Voegle.

Anna Kooiman '05 is co-anchor of the Fox news team in Charlotte.

Kristin A. Lesley '05 and Jason B. Parker were married March 23, 2008.

Monica L. Lorenzo '05 and Michael R. Kress were married June 14, 2008. The couple resides in Jersey City, N.J.

Jennifer M. Mitchell '05 and Jody D. Haughland '99, '05M were married June 14, 2008. Jennifer is employed by First Citizens Bank in Wilmington, and Jody is employed by Charter Business.

Stephanie L. Moore '05 and Christopher M. Allred '03 were married June 7, 2008.

Rob Nelson '05 is the owner of Whole Armour Designs in Wilmington and is active in the community regarding water and utility planning, particularly low-impact development.

Russell B. Norris '05 and Stacey L. Lemmons were married May 31, 2008.

Kaleena A. Parker '05 and Robert N. Hood were married April 12, 2008.

Heather L. Rath '05 and Andrew Brown were married April 5, 2008.

James T. Robilotta '05 received a master's degree in counselor education with an emphasis in student affairs from Clemson University. He works at Fordham University in New York City and performs stand-up and improvisational comedy around the city.

Martha M. Roth '05 and Raymond T. Gephart III '06 were married May 10, 2008.

Lisa R. Seaman '05 and Thomas A. Lister Jr. were married May 10, 2008.

Nikki Siebert '05 is pursuing a Master of Environmental Studies degree at the College of Charleston while working as the recycling coordinator for the college and the green building coordinator for Sea Island Habitat for Humanity.

Joshua S. Sikes '05 is president of and information technology specialist for the Class of 2009 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry. He is also president and member of the Gold Key Honor Society.

ROCKING for a cause

by Emily Jones '09

In March 2004, **Justin Johnson '06**, **Andy Dortch '05** and **Keith Harrelson '09** embarked on their dream musical endeavor when they formed the classic rock and blues band Rogersville Road.

As a fresh new group full of soulful rhythm, they performed at countless local music scenes in Wilmington, such as Charley Browns, The Whiskey and the Azalea Festival Hilton stage. The band, named after Dortch's and Harrelson's childhood neighborhood in Wilmington, also won the UNCW Habitat for Humanity Battle of the Bands.

In February 2005, after a year of hard work and "mind-blowing" jam sessions in the studio, "The Road," as they are lovingly called by fans, released their self-titled debut CD. The "blues-driven jam-rock" album received stellar reviews from both fans and radio stations, and by spring the band was averaging three shows a week.

Rogersville Road hit it big when they opened for the Grammy Award-winning Allman Brothers at the Time Warner Amphitheatre in Raleigh that year.

Not one to keep a good thing to himself, vocalist and drummer Harrelson brought more than 20 local artists and musicians together for the Port City Music and Arts Festival in August 2008. The fundraiser offered the community a day of spellbinding music and fun with local favorites like the HUSHpuppies, L-Shape Lot, Ten Toes Up, Medusa Stone and The Casserole. At the end of the day, the charity event raised $1,200 for the Full Belly Project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to relieve hunger and create economic opportunities for developing countries.

The event also helped raise awareness about Harrelson's own non-profit organization, Reality Green Planet, which focuses on environmental preservation and developing a curriculum for public schools that is compatible with the 21st century.

"The festival was something I had always wanted to do. It felt good to see people come together to help their community," Harrelson said.

The Road has been consistently involved with various charity and benefit concerts. They have helped raise funds and awareness for muscular dystrophy, cancer research, individuals/families who have dealt with life-changing events, and other causes. Now, they want to give back to their alma mater by playing events on campus.

"Your community is an extension of you. If you are fortunate enough to be old one day, you just may be counting on that community to reach out to you. Your school gives so much to you; being involved will only enrich that experience," Harrelson said.

Dortch stated, "During my attendance at UNCW I discovered my true passions in life, created everlasting friendships and played some rock along the way."

The band is creating new music for a second full-length album, which will feature a more rock feel while still holding on to the band's bluesy roots.

"Since our first album, we have written many more original songs, with the hope to one day soon get into a recording studio and lay them down. I feel that when the time is right and the people are ready, recording our second album will be an electric breeze," Dortch said.

Guitarist Justin Johnson graduated with a bachelor's degree in professional writing and minors in creative writing and music; he is continuing his dream as a full-time musician. Bassist Andy Dortch graduated with a bachelors degree in environmental studies and a minor in geography. He is one of 13 students chosen to be in UNCW's newest master's program, environmental studies. Vocalist and drummer Keith Harrelson expects to graduate in May from UNCW with a bachelor's degree in English and professional writing.

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Jennifer Stauffer '05 and Jonny Spencer were married May 3, 2008. Jennifer is the spa manager at Wilmington Plastic Surgery.

Erin M. Toothman '05 and Randy C. Combs were married May 17, 2008.

Lindsey Floyd VanHouten '05 and her husband Randy announce the birth of a son, Logan Joseph, on March 6, 2008. Lindsey is a mental health associate professional with BEARS Inc. in Roanoke Rapids. They reside in Nashville, N.C.

Emily R. Worley '05 and Edgar S. Forrest were married June 14, 2008.

Christopher M. Carraway '06 and Jamie K. Register and were married May 17, 2008.

Reginald Clark '06M is the assistant principal at East McDowell Junior High in Marion.

Evan Cooper '06 was recognized by the U.S. Navy Small Business Innovation Research Program for being manager of the Higher Power Engineering's Naval Air Systems Command's (NAVAIR) Small Business Innovation Research transition program and completion of the Navy Transition Assistance Program for NAVAIR awardees.

Julia F. Culpepper '06 and Lynn T. Garner III were married June 21, 2008.

Sarah G. Dedmon '06 and Benjamin G. Caple were married June 7, 2008. The couple resides in Killeen, Texas.

Joseph A. Donovant '06 and Kevin Kingston were united on Oct. 1, 2007. Joey is a financial services representative with Deluxe Financial Services in Greensboro.

Koula A. Drakulakos '06 and Robby G. Pate were married May 31, 2008.

Jason W. Dunlap '06 completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Jessica A. Frank '06 and Clinton Wyatt Hutton were married Dec. 15, 2007.

Abby D. Glover '06 and Ronald R. Hill III were married Nov. 17, 2007.

Nancy E. Jones '06 and James D. Harder '06 were married July 12, 2008. Nancy is pursuing a master's degree in music at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, is the organist at the Lutheran Church of Reconciliation and teaches piano and voice at her studio, Azalea Music. James is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree at UNCW.

Nora M. Horton '06 and Joel T. Van Pelt were married My 24, 2008.

Stephanie E. Johnson '06 and Justin D. King '06 were married May 31, 2008.

Ashley M. Lacey '06 and Lucas C. Rush were married Oct. 21, 2007. Ashley is a social studies teacher with Cabarrus County Schools.

Sean P. Leahy '06 and Kate A. Mercer and were married June 16, 2008.

Sarah P. Little '06 and Mark T. Ruddock were married April 19, 2008.

Kasey L. Maxcy '06 and Matthew A. Hughes '06 were married May 17, 2008. Kasey is the assistant manager of radio administration for ISP Sports, and Matthew is an external auditor for Grant Thorton.

Todd M. Miller '06 and Sarah B. Crenshaw were married June 7, 2008.

Donnaire P. Mills '06 and Kenneth A. Hales, Jr. were married May 31, 2008. Donnaire is a resource conservation specialist with Pitt County Soil and Water.

Shannon Modla '06M, a research associate at the Delaware Biotechnology Institute's bio-imaging center, received the Microscopy Society of America's Professional Technical Staff Award for her study of viruses in marine ecosystems using a scanning electron microscope. The award is granted by the organization to only four of its 3,000 members every year and includes a travel stipend that allows Shannon to attend the society's annual conference in Albuquerque where she will present her abstract.

Sarah A. Parker '06 and Joshua E. Cox were married June 13, 2008.

Joe Paull '06 is the online producer for Ledger-Enquirer.com, taking video, managing online content and aggregating user-submitted information.

Kristi Covil Poole '06 and Benjamin J. Poole '03 are both employed by Nationwide Insurance. She is a commercial claims adjuster, and he is a non-injury liability adjuster.

Amber Prince '06 and Jesse A. Coleman '05 were married May 3, 2008. Amber is a registered nurse for Loris Healthcare System, and Jesse is the manager of Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Daddy Joe's in Tabor City.

Allison M. Reese '06 and Samuel D. Barham were married March 29, 2008.

Ryan N. Suttles '06 was awarded the 2008 Newspaper in Education Teacher of the Year Award, an award the *Burlington Times-News* gives to educators for creative use of the newspaper in their classroom.

Michelle Saraceni '06 and Ian Sheffer '07 were married June 21, 2008. Ian's biology honors thesis titled "Statistical analysis of morphological variability in a Saprolegnia isolate: taxonomic implications" was published in the June issue of *Mycotaxon*. He is enrolled in the Temple University School of Medicine.

Kendall Spivey '06 and Grant Cameron were married June 28, 2008. Kendall is a teacher at Brisbane Preparatory School.

Matthew B. Vaughan '06 and Carrie Jones were married Aug. 16, 2008.

Kale Watkins '06 took part in the 26th annual Tri-Span 10K and 5K in July 2008. Watkins' completion of the race represents the years of progress after a skiing accident in 2000 at Lake Tahoe left him paralyzed. He is employed by PPD Inc.

Kimberly D. Yates '06 and Sanders D. Burgess were married April 26, 2008.

Meredith D. Blake '07 and Byron F. Tedder were married April 26, 2008.

Lauren G. Crouch '07 and Matthew F. Swinnie '07 were married June 21, 2008. Lauren is a middle school teacher in the Richmond County School System, and Matthew is with PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Greensboro.

Claire R. Davis '07 and David P. Franklin were married May 24, 2008.

Amy N. Denson '07 and Aaron S. Decker were married May 3, 2008.

Pitcher **Ryan S. Doolittle '07** was the Oakland A's 26th-round selection in the 2008 draft.

Katie L. Fountain '07 is a librarian at the Fair Bluff Community Library.

Randi N. Futrell '07 and Justin R. Wood were married April 5, 2008.

Eric A. Gaither '07 is a state park ranger at Falls Lake State Recreation Area.

Carey R. Ginn '07 and Alan M. Hinnant were married March 8, 2008.

Tiffany J. Glassgow '07M and Kevin P. Wuzzardo were married April 5, 2008. Tiffany is an AIG specialist for Pender County Schools.

Jennifer Honeycutt '07 is the varsity volleyball coach at Clinton High School. She teaches second- and third-grade physical education at Butler Avenue Elementary.

Stephie Mullis '07 is an assistant wellness director at Magnolia Glen Senior Living in Raleigh. She was nominated as the Star of the Third Quarter by her co-workers. Kisco Senior Living, the company that owns Magnolia Glen, is sponsoring Stephie to travel to Tijuana in October to work with the organization Homes for Hope.

Emily A. Marshall '07 spent the summer in pre-service training as a special education Peace Corps volunteer. She will be working in a day care or residential center, tending to the needs and education of mentally and physically disadvantaged children in Jordan.

Andrew M. Pate '07 is a financial representative with the Mid Atlantic Agency.

Brittany J. Schneider '07 was named Volunteer of the Week for the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher by *Island Gazette*.

Lindsay N. Potter '07 and Zane R. Whitner '07 were married July 12, 2008. Lindsay is a ninth grade teacher, and Zane is an account representative for Arvato Digital.

Amy E. White '07 and Benjamin Lee Reeves were married June 9.

Kristy Van Etten White '07M is an associate scientist I with Cirrus Pharmaceuticals.

As the in-house curator of Hampstead Art Gallery, **Sarah Garriss '08** is always looking for new artists. Information is available at www.HampsteadArtGallery.com.

Andrew N. Gray '08M and Elizabeth S. Poisson were married May 17, 2008. Andrew is a private business consultant in Wilmington.

Donnay F. Hall '08 and Brendan R. Elkins '08 were married June 28, 2008.

Kyle Holt '08 competed in May 2008 in the second annual Bogue Banks Skim Bash at the Sheraton Oceanfront, Atlantic Beach.

Kit Johnson '08 is enrolled at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

Thomas C. Knowles '08 and Jennifer M. Cavenaugh were married June 21, 2008.

Vlad Kuljanin '08 signed a one-year contract to play for Egaleo AO in the Greek A1 league, the country's top pro circuit.

Caroline M. Neely '08 and Joshua M. Beatty were married July 19, 2008.

David M. Pipkin '08M and his wife Adonna announce the birth of a daughter, Samantha, on March 31, 2008. David is a senior sales representative with Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

Lisa Phillips '04 and Carter Derrick '04 were married May 16, 2008. Lisa is a registered nurse in the birthing suites at Moses Cone Health System. The couple resides in Greensboro.

Jamie L. Smith '08 and Corey D. Harrison were married June 26, 2008.

Natalie M. Swanson '08 and Jeremy L. Turner were married June 14, 2008.

Jessica K. Wayne '08 is a production and office assistant at the *Pender Post* newspaper.

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21	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
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February

1	UNCW Homecoming
5	Buckner Lecture Series • Susan Cheever
7	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra
9	Leadership Lecture Series • Marcelo Suarez-Orozco
18	Wilmington College Alumni Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
18	Arts in Action – LA Theatre Works • The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial
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Tealgate – 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31
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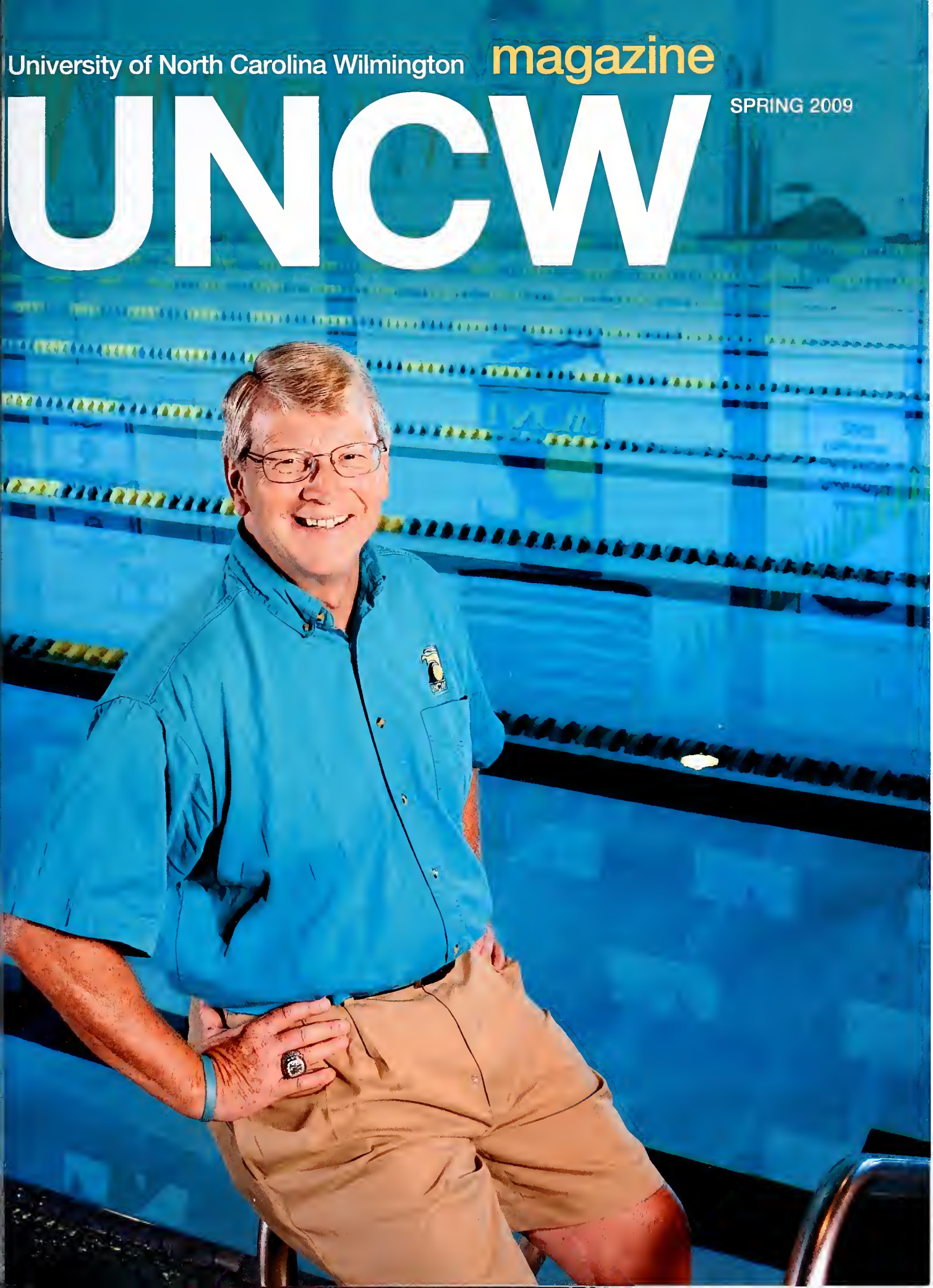

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Head Coach Dave Allen led the men's swimming and diving team to its eighth straight Colonial Athletic Association championship title. He was honored as CAA Men's Coach of the Year. See story on page 10. Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Students gather handfuls of snow for an impromptu battle on UNC Wilmington's Campus Commons as snow falls Jan. 20. Jamie Moncrief

Dear alumni and friends,

I want to begin by recognizing the extraordinary alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff featured within this issue of *UNCW Magazine*. Our men's swimming and diving team is celebrating eight straight conference championships (see page 10). Our men's tennis and track and field teams also claimed CAA Championship titles. Several UNCW professors earned regional and national accolades, including Kate Bruce, who was named N.C. Professor of the Year (p. 6). Our Homecoming festivities in January included an opportunity to present achievement awards to alumni Sherick Hughes '97 and Rebecca Scherrer '00 and longtime UNCW friend Jerry Wilkins (p. 22).

The university also received accolades for its commitment to community outreach from the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and the Carnegie Foundation, which named UNCW as an "engaged university," one of a select group of campuses nationwide recognized for this honor. According to the foundation, selected universities demonstrate dedication to working with the communities and regions they serve, using their outreach programs to deepen students' civic and academic learning.

Programs offered through our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute are among our most notable community initiatives. I invite you to learn more about OLLI and, if you are 50 or older, I encourage you to become an active member (p. 18). Your participation is important to UNCW.

About our budget

Since our founding, UNCW has faced challenges with a soaring spirit. Seahawks always rise to the occasion, seeking out creative and effective ways to achieve greatness with average resources. The current economic crisis is testing our mettle once again. This year, we had to relinquish 7 percent of our state appropriation, or $6.7 million. Thanks to careful planning on our part, we have been able to absorb this reduction without affecting students' educational experiences and without eliminating faculty and staff positions. We have saved the funds by improving our energy consumption, delaying computer replacements, reducing overtime and enacting other cost-cutting measures.

Unfortunately, UNCW could face the same, or higher, reductions for both of the next two years. Our state leaders are dealing with unprecedented fiscal challenges, and we won't know the status of our appropriation until later this year when the legislators finalize the budget. All of the UNC system schools are working together to encourage the General Assembly to make the reductions as small as possible and to limit their duration. We may receive assistance from the federal government's stimulus package, which provides significant funding for education, especially for financial aid, but many distribution details remain undecided.

I promise you that our students, faculty and staff are doing everything we can to continue soaring to greatness regardless of the budget situation. For years, UNCW was the least-funded state university and is still one of the lowest in the system. Yet, we created an amazing learning experience here in Wilmington. We are creative thinkers, and we have really pulled together, so I know we will brave this storm just like we have braved all of the other storms that have battered our coast – with the support and commitment of dedicated alumni and friends like you.

The contributions you make to UNCW are always meaningful; in the current economic times, they are essential to enhancing the future for our students. Continue to embrace your Seahawk spirit; it definitely will help you overcome challenges you may face from today's economic hardships. For inspiration, look to the Jones family, a group of amazing alumni (p. 28) who achieved academic success despite limited resources, and the Seahawks ice hockey team, who suit up purely for the love of the game (p. 12).

Finally, we have new ways for you to stay in touch with UNCW. Visit with us virtually through Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, and please keep your calls, letters and e-mails coming. Your continued interest in UNCW is tremendously important to us.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo

Chancellor

uncw online

You see it everywhere,

people on their iPhones, Blackberries and laptops actively involved on Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and Twitter.

by Katie Jordan '09

Social networking sites account for 50 percent of the top most trafficked Web sites on the Internet. The highly popular Facebook, created only five years ago, now has more than 175 million active users; more than three billion minutes are spent on the site each day. Realizing that, UNCW's marketing and communications office felt it was imperative for the university to create its own online community.

In August 2008, UNCW launched a Facebook fan page and a YouTube page. Both serve as an additional outlet of information and networking opportunity for current and prospective students, parents and alumni, along with anybody else interested in the university.

"People check Facebook everyday. It is what they are used to and what they enjoy. Actually, it makes it easy for us, because we now know what they want and where to reach them," said media relations specialist Caroline Cropp '99, '06M, who manages UNCW's Facebook, YouTube and Twitter sites.

Facebook provides a direct and personal way for people invested in the university to socialize, network and exchange information, creating a close-knit online community. Since its launch, the UNCW Facebook page has attained more than 3,000 fans worldwide. Cropp noted a former student, now stationed in Iraq, contacted her and was very excited and thankful for the new Facebook page.

UNCW's Facebook presence provides an effective way to engage students and others interested in the university. As opposed to mass e-mail messages or navigating a Web site, Facebook personalizes information, allows for more interaction and adds visual stimuli.

"We are putting information where they are seeking information. Also, students are becoming more visual, and this is a great way to accommodate that preference," Cropp said.

The UNCW Alumni Association Facebook page was designed to specifically reach alumni.

"Addressees, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are often out of date and inaccurate. However, with a Facebook page, alumni come to you," stated Crystal Chapman, who handles communications efforts with alumni.

Through Facebook, alumni relations is reaching out to and engaging graduates, especially young alumni, ages 25-34, who account for the fastest growing demographic of Facebook users. Each month the number of fans and visitors at the UNCW alumni page increases. With the help of Facebook, Homecoming 2009 events attracted more than 1,000 alumni.

YouTube also creates an online connection between UNCW and students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and others with videos about campus life and academics. Most include a small paragraph describing the context of the video as well as room for discussion.

YouTube not only works to engage those vested in the institution, but it also serves as a new marketing tool. So far, the top viewed video on UNCW's channel is Welcome to UNCW with more than 1,600 views. After viewing the Welcome to UNCW video, one person left a comment that displayed strong interest in the university by stating, "I wanna go!"

Most recently, UNCW began to "tweet."

Twitter is a fast-growing social networking site that allows users to write a message in 140 characters or less. It serves as an excellent source for universities to disseminate short bits of information instantly, to a large audience. One of the many features of Twitter includes a text message function, which allows users to create a setting that will send certain tweets directly to a cell phone.

Recent news events have shown that through Twitter photos and information can be distributed to a mass audience faster than any other source including the news media. UNCW will enhance campus-wide communication by using Twitter to post information about current events, severe weather updates, crisis communication and athletic events.

www.youtube.com/uncw

www.facebook.com/pages/Wilmington-NC/UNCW/8357990919

www.twitter.com/UNCWilmington

Commitment to community involvement brings rewards

At Hillcrest Community Center, 30 UNCW students are working to reduce the achievement gap between black and white students in New Hanover County Schools. Twice a week, they offer free tutoring sessions in reading to a group of 4- to 10-year-olds.

Jessica MacDonald '08, onsite program coordinator, told the UNCW Board of Trustees in February that by mid-term all of the children showed a "great deal of progress," doubling and tripling their reading scores.

This partnership between UNCW and the Wilmington Housing Authority is just one of many examples why the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognized UNCW as an "engaged university."

Steve Demski, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies, said the foundation looks for institutions where "community engagement is part of their DNA." UNCW is one of 119 colleges and universities nationwide to receive the 2008 designation.

In addition, this is the third year UNCW was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service to America's communities, the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement.

"We are deeply committed to and engaged in our communities," Demski told the trustees. "We listen to the community and design programs to be responsive."

UNCW is focusing its attention on UNC Tomorrow priorities. UNC Tomorrow, spearheaded by UNC System President Erskine Bowles, encourages campuses to find creative ways to proactively anticipate, identify and respond to needs and challenges the state will face during the next 20 years.

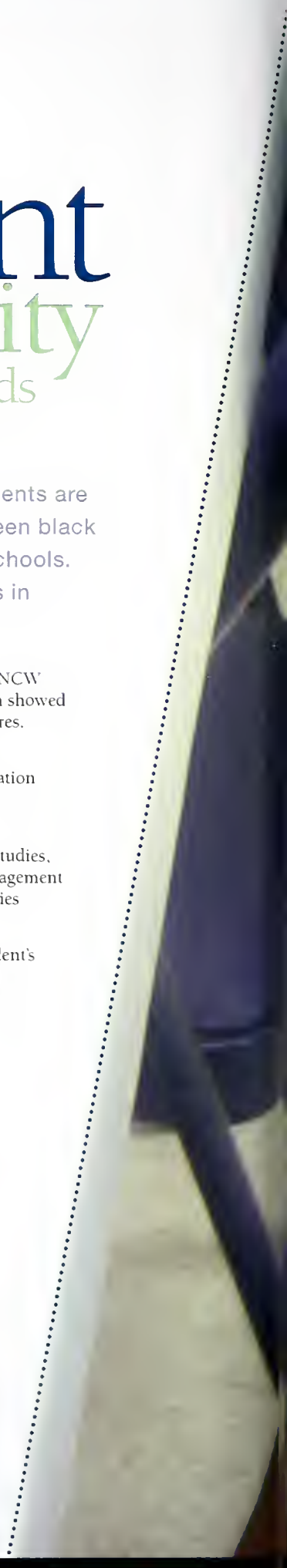
www.uncw.edu/wha/hillcrest

'regional champion'

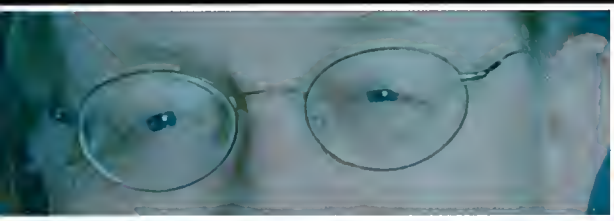
The Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce recognized UNCW, along with Cape Fear Community College, with its Regional Champion Award. The presentation was made in December at the second annual Business Achievement Awards breakfast.

The award is given to a company, organization or individual that has promoted, given to, or otherwise positively influenced the community as a whole.

"Our past, present and future economic health are fundamentally tied to our area educational institutions, not to mention the arts and cultural resources, athletics and other amenities that they provide that add to the overall attraction of our community," said chamber chair Louise McCall.



Inasia McClamy is ready for her reading lesson at the Hillcrest Community Center.



faculty and staff

Theodore Burgh, associate professor of philosophy and religion, had his book, *Listening to the Artifacts: Music Culture in Ancient Palestine* (Continuum, 2006), selected for the 2008 Wachsmann Prize. The award is presented by the Society for Ethnomusicology.

Kate Bruce, professor of psychology, is the 2008 North Carolina Professor of the Year. Administered by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, this national award recognizes professors for their influence on teaching and their commitment to undergraduate students. Bruce is the founding director of the Center for Support of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships and has been the director of the Honors Scholars Program since 1999. In 2007, she was president of the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Glen Harris, associate professor of history, was appointed to the board of the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities that nurtures the cultures and heritage of North Carolina. Harris is the author of numerous articles on topics ranging from African American-Jewish relations during the first decades of the 20th century to postmodern slave narrative and interracial marriage. He is researching and writing the book-length manuscript, *Intellectual Struggles Between Blacks and Jews from the 1940s Through the 1960s: A Prelude to the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Conflict*.

Sherman Hayes, university librarian, retired in December after 37 years as a professional librarian. During his 11 years at Randall Library, Hayes expanded Special Collections to include the Southeastern North Carolina Collection and oral histories from World War II veterans, Williston High School students and teachers and UNCW retired faculty; collected and cataloged the work of local artists; instituted public programs such as Thirsty Tome and Flash Fiction; assumed responsibility for the Museum of World Cultures and the North Carolina Living Treasures Program; accepted gifts of more than $2 million in donated library materials since 2000, and recognized more than 40 donors as Leadership Grove Honorees. In April, Randall Library dedicated the first floor art wall as the Sherman L. Hayes Gallery.

Music by **Jerald Shynett**, assistant professor of music, was featured in the *One Tree Hill* episode "We Three, My Echo, My Shadow and Me," which aired Nov. 17. Shynett adapted and arranged Louis Prima's "Sing-Sing-Sing," made famous by Benny Goodman. Music instructor **Mike Waddell** was among the musicians performing, and UNCW music students Kennith Watts and Will Piner portrayed members of the band. The session was recorded by **Alexander Markowski**, film studies sound design instructor.

Antonio Puente, professor of psychology, received the American Psychological Association's 2009 State Leadership Award, given to individuals for outstanding service to their state and significant participation in local or national advocacy and legislative efforts advancing the profession of psychology. Puente is the author of seven books and more than 160 scientific and professional articles. In 2005 he founded Centro Hispano and served as its director until 2007. He also maintains a private practice in clinical neuropsychology and is involved with Tileston Health Clinic where he helps provide mental health services for those who could not otherwise afford care.

D. Kim Sawrey, professor of psychology, was named an Outstanding First Year Student Advocate by the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition, which recognizes faculty members who share the common goal of improving the educational experience of first-year students. Sawrey served as an advisor for the University College for 13 years and chairs the Faculty Senate's Basic Studies Committee. He was named Outstanding Faculty Advisor by the University College in 1997 and 2007.

UNCW *still a* great value

Despite a tuition increase of $106 for resident undergraduate students, UNCW remains a great value for those continuing their education.

"Because we understand the financial pressures many families face in the current economic environment, 40 percent of this increase will be designated for financial aid," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. "The other 60 percent will be used to address critical needs of the university, such as services for students with disabilities, new faculty positions, a mathematics lab, operating funds for the counseling center and an additional advisor for an ever-growing number of transfer students."

"Compared to many other universities in the UNC system, UNCW has historically been underfunded," said Mark Blackwell, student body president. "UNCW is not only one of the top values in the state, but it also is ranked as one of the top values in the nation. Value comes from low cost and high quality, and UNCW will continue to provide both to its students."

UNCW ranks as one of the top 25 "Best Values" among public universities in the nation and one of the top three in North Carolina, according to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. UNCW also ranks as one of the 50 "Best Value" public colleges and universities in the nation, according to *The Princeton Review*.

Mandatory fees also will increase about $77 beginning fall 2009. These fees will finance specific university programs such as improved health services, student activities and Colonial Athletic Association requirements. A new debt service fee of $256, also effective fall 2009, will finance the expansion of the student recreation center.

"The existing recreation center, built in the late 1990s, was designed to accommodate fewer than 10,000 students," said Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Pat Leonard. "Since that time, UNCW's student body has grown to more than 12,600 students, and we now have twice the number of students living on campus. The demand for recreational services has far exceeded our ability to provide them; this expansion is critically important to our students."

by Katie Jordan '09

Soaring in a sinking economy

The current state of the economy is unsettling to everyone, especially upcoming graduates and young alumni. If they are able to get a job in their chosen career field, they are often the first to get laid off simply because they have the least experience.

"We have a flat job market. There is a lot of concern among businesses, and confidence is low. This doesn't mean that employers have stopped hiring; it just means they are hiring at a lower rate, making competition fierce," says Thom Rakes, UNCW Career Center director and assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs for technology.

However, abundant resources, services and events are readily available to all UNCW alumni to help ensure a successful job search in such a competitive market. The most widely used feature of the Career Center is SeaWork, a system where every student and alum has a lifetime account that assists in the job search process.

Each opportunity presented to the UNCW Career Center is logged into SeaWork and updated on a daily basis. On a typical day, more than 350 job opportunities are listed directly through the system. SeaWork has a close affiliation with Monster.com and utilizes a feature that exposes alumni to approximately 1,000 additional employers seeking to fill entry-level positions. Students and alumni can also use SeaWork to sign up for on-campus mock interviews, view events and post professional documents such as resumes, cover letters and letters of recommendation.

Career counselors are available every day by appointment or during drop-in hours to offer individual assistance, guidance, resume and cover letter review, interview practice and job search strategy.

Numerous year round events sponsored by the Career Center are open to all alumni. These include various job fairs, resume review sessions, interview challenges, panels on today's hot careers and a job search boot camp.

"The job search boot camp is an excellent program for alumni seeking assistance in the job search process," says Rakes. The one-day event has four stations that often perform 30 minute presentations on resumes, job interviewing, job search strategy and personal finance.

Throughout the year, the Career Center organizes an internship and job fair, an education job fair, a nursing fair and a graduate and law school day along with many other specific opportunities for students and alumni to network, make contacts, get a name and face in front of employers and gain a head start in the job search process.

The Career Center at UNCW provides a phenomenal amount of online information ranging from job search resources, graduate programs, occupational outlook information, important resume information, interest assessments and much more, completely free of charge.

"Job hunting is a stair-step process. That is why it is important to look for an industry where you really feel that you can learn something. Rarely are recent graduates going to get their ideal position. Instead, think about how to get your foot in the door and gain meaningful experience, because in today's market, experience is what is going to get you the job," says Rakes.

Drop in hours are 2-4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

careercenter@uncw.edu
www.uncw.edu/stuaff/career/

Autumn Beam

Erica Weaver, a seventh grader at Leland Middle School, introduced Mae C. Jemison, the first African American female in space and founder of two medical technology companies, who spoke at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Weaver won the Region II Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering Regional Oratory Contest with a speech about Jemison.

Gearing up for engineering program

Responding to a request by area industries, UNCW is taking steps to offer a full-time, four-year engineering degree program. It is part of the university's plan resulting from the statewide UNC Tomorrow initiative to respond proactively to the needs of North Carolina and the region.

UNCW already offers a pre-engineering transfer program, which allows students to transfer after two years and complete their degrees at NC State, East Carolina, N.C. A&T or UNC Charlotte.

This fall, the first of three steps will be taken to bring the program totally in-house. Distance learning classes will be offered through NC State, and labs will be taught on campus by NC State faculty.

Next, mechanical engineering faculty will be hired, building the program, so UNCW will be able to offer a joint degree with NC State and eventually its own mechanical engineering baccalaureate. There is no set timeline; implementation will depend on funding and student interest.

Crisis preparation recognized

The federal government says UNCW is ready for anything.

UNCW is the first university in the state with a crisis mitigation plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the first to be certified as StormReady by the National Weather Service.

The mitigation plan prepares the university to be disaster resistant and resilient during crisis situations such as hurricanes, winter storms, hazardous materials spills and terrorism.

As a StormReady university, UNCW proved its weather readiness by passing a thorough review by NWS officials of its communication plans, technology systems, staff training, campus education and other preparations that can save lives during severe weather.

Masterstroke

to eighth straight title

In February, the UNCW men's swimming team brought home its eighth straight Colonial Athletic Association championship. At the same meet, the women's swim team exited the championship with a third-place finish and broke several school records.

The big winner was Dave Allen, who was honored as the CAA Men's Swimming Coach of the Year for the sixth time and the 11th time overall since starting the program 36 years ago. He has been named Coach of the Year for both men's and women's swimming more times than any other individual in the history of the conference.

Allen literally built UNCW's teams from the pool up. When he arrived on campus in July 1977, the university did not have a swim team, did not offer swimming classes and did not even have a place to swim. The pool would not open until September.

The first team was comprised of five interested students. It was not enough to compete, but the second year Allen recruited additional swimmers from across the state, California, New Jersey and New York. They competed and came away with a 9-2 record. Allen credits his early success with the fact that his team was unknown, so other schools did not take them seriously at first.

"They just figured that we couldn't be very good," he said.

The program had a modest beginning. Allen coached and taught swimming classes. There was no women's team, although several women swam with the men's team.

"We travelled to all of our meets in a station wagon," he said.

Allen had arrived at UNCW with experience in building a winning team – turning the swimmers at Potsdam State University in New York into champions. Potsdam's team was in last place in its conference when he arrived. Watching his team struggle during the championship meet, Allen saw the coach and swimmers of first place Buffalo State University celebrate and decided that he wanted what they had.

"That's where I wanted to be. I wanted to feel what they were feeling," said Allen.

When he left Potsdam six years later, the team had a championship and was ranked 15th in the nation. Allen said he stayed at the school out of loyalty to its athletic director, but when he passed away Allen decided the time had come to move on. The northern New York winters had begun to wear on him.

"It was too cold," he said.

One evening, he came home to find a flyer from his alma mater, Springfield College in Massachusetts, about a job opening in Wilmington, N.C. He had never heard of the city, but got out an atlas and was immediately interested in a school that was on the coast and in the South.

"The only Wilmington I knew of was in Delaware," he said.

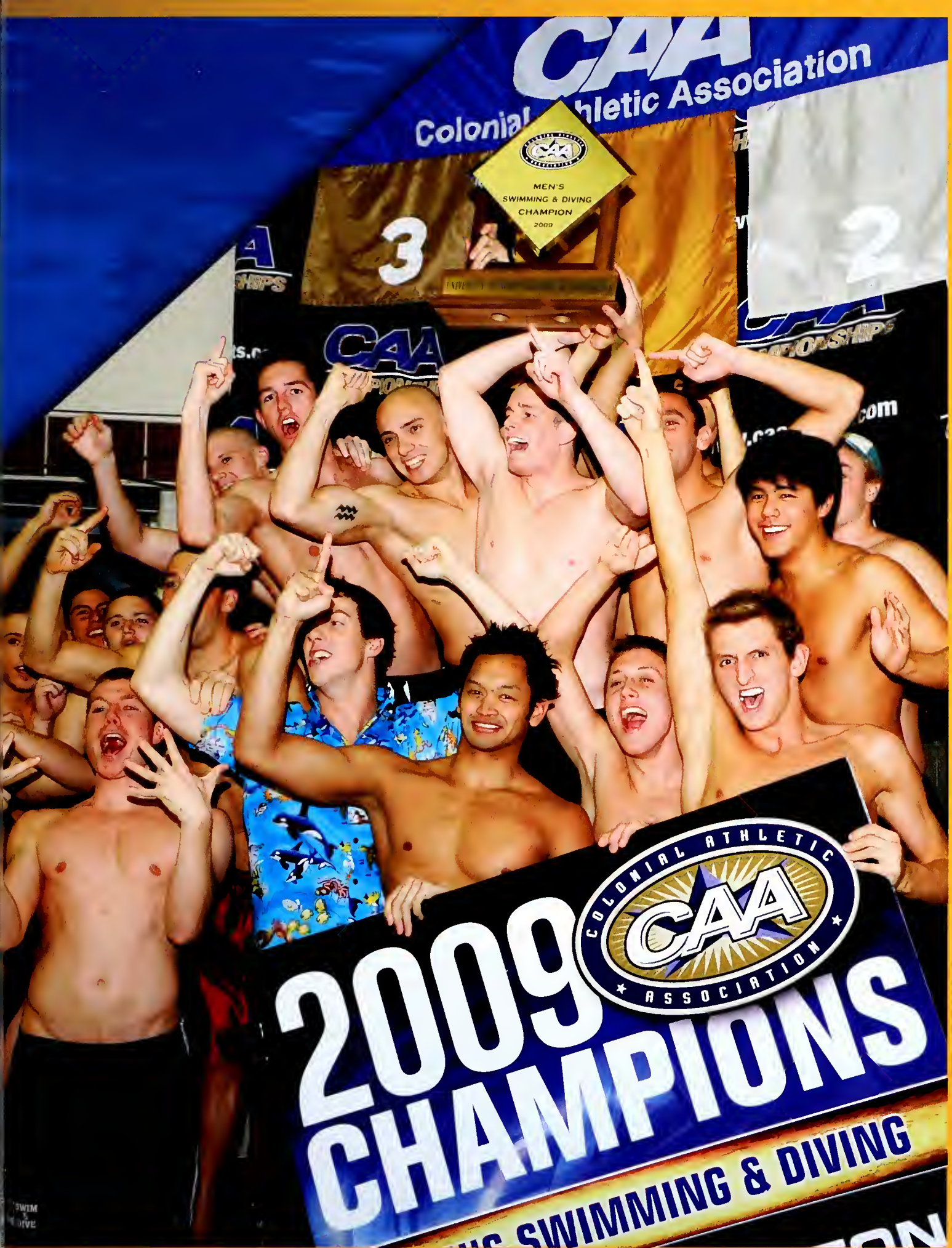
During the next 36 years, a women's team evolved out of the men's team and brought the university its first swimming championship in 1977. Since then, the team has brought home nine championships from the CAA and two from the Eastern College Athletic Conference. Allen credits his success to the hard work of both the teams and his coaching staff, who works with the athletes year-round, as well as "a lot of luck."

"They have a lot of pride in their program. They have a lot of pride in their university," said Allen.

After more than three-and-a-half decades of coaching, Allen said many of his colleagues ask him how he still does it. He continues, he said, because he still loves his job.

"Coaching is something I've always enjoyed. I get a tremendous rush," said Allen.

by William Davis '08M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hockey more than just a game for Seahawks

by Andrea Weaver

A flock of players swooshes across the oval ice rink, soaring Seahawks in pursuit of prey: an inch-thick, black rubber puck that skims across the frozen surface faster than a speed skater.

Their oversize teal jerseys flap like wings as they converge around the puck, stealing it from determined defenders, pirates from the east. The skaters whiz over the ice, batting the puck back and forth with their curved sticks. Mere seconds pass as they position themselves around the goal to set up a play. Pass... shoot... UNCW scores!

Wait a minute... UNCW has an ice hockey team?

An outstanding surf club – that's a given at UNCW. And everyone knows the Seahawks are champion swimmers and divers. But, an ice hockey team at the big W?

Yes. And the players are good, too. So good that, in January, they clinched top place in the Carolina Division of the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference (BRHC) for the second consecutive year. Teams from 18 schools compete in the BRHC, including Appalachian State, George Mason, N.C. State and East Carolina University, the Seahawks' top rivals.

The ice hockey team is one of 26 clubs in the UNCW Sport Club Program, administered by the campus recreation department. Students established the club five years ago, and the team has found its footing the past two seasons, competing in the conference championship in 2008. The team's 27 members range from Northerners who grew up playing the game to Southerners who grew up watching the Carolina Hurricanes compete in Raleigh. Two team members hail from California; one player is an international student from Sweden.

Regardless of their backgrounds, they all share a commitment to the team and the university that helps them make good on their dream to play competitive hockey.

"The support we receive from the university and the student body is amazing," says club co-president Sean Wilen, a sophomore from Annapolis, Md. "We usually have 200-300 fans at our games in Wilmington."

The club organizes the games and practices, handles travel arrangements and provides team jerseys and socks. The players provide their own helmets, pads and sticks and contribute $650 each to participate, most of which is used to pay for ice time. They are coached by Walker Coady, an experienced youth hockey coach who spent 20 years with the Washington Little Capitals.

The team plays and practices at the Wilmington Ice House, a skating center recognized within the industry as one of the best rinks in North Carolina. The players compete on weekends and fit their practice time – once a week, 10 p.m. to midnight – around their studies.

"Learning time management is crucial. There are no excuses for not getting your work done. I'm here for an education," says Wilen, a finance and Spanish major. He also is taking pre-medicine courses with the long-term goal of becoming a doctor.

To hear Wilen and his teammates talk, the UNCW hockey club is as much about sportsmanship as it is about sport. Dedication, loyalty, leadership and teamwork – these are the skills the students come away with at the end of each season.

"I've learned how to run a meeting, how to organize things, how to recruit players and market the team," Wilen says.

"It is like a business," adds co-president Craig Mistarz. "You have to be organized, and you have to work well in a team environment. You can always achieve more as a team than you can as an individual. Employers are looking for skills like that."

For Mistarz, a senior accounting major from Schererville, Ind., the camaraderie he has found with his friends on the hockey team reflects his overall UNCW experience. The teammates encourage each other to give their best effort, just as his professors do.

"I am on a first-name basis with many of my professors. They do as much as they can to help me and other students. They genuinely care about us, and about how well we are doing," he says.

On the ice, the UNCW hockey team is soaring to greatness. From last place in their first season to challenging for conference championships, the students have found the keys to success. Off the ice, they are grounded in the reality that their teal jerseys stand for sportsmanship and school pride. They stand for UNCW.

Mistarz says, "At the rink, younger kids watch us. They know we play for UNCW. We are role models for them, and we sense that as a team."

"Those little kids do look up to us, how we handle ourselves, how we carry ourselves," Wilen adds. "It gives us a feeling that we might have an impact on some people who might want to go to UNCW in the future."

about the UNCW hockey team 2008-09 season

11-9 overall

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making history 1980's

by William S. Davis '08M

Student **Colleen Griffiths** examines an ultra-thin men's tie, in pink zebra print, that is part of the historical pieces representing the 1980s.

Photos by Nate Oxenfeld

Hidden behind a locked door on the second floor of UNCW's Morton Hall, there is a lab lined with secured cabinets holding relics of a bygone era.

behind closed doors

The room, which models the storage and exhibit preparation spaces of an actual museum, is used by students in the graduate-level public history program to polish the skills they will need as professionals in the field.

"This space is a way for students to have the experience of working in that back-stage space," said William Moore,

director of public history. The department trains students to work as public historians, a field that includes museum curators, corporate archivists and historic preservationists.

Every year, the graduate students in the two-course sequence work through the process of creating a new museum exhibit. The first stage involves surveying public opinion, followed by extensive research, planning and collection of artifacts. To build the collection, students scoured their parents' closets, solicited donations and tapped into a department fund to buy artifacts on Internet sites like eBay. After months of preparation, the students mount and label the collected artifacts and arrange them in an exhibit space set aside on the second floor of Randall Library.

The upcoming exhibit will examine the materialism of the 1980s. Artifacts include "historic" relics such as a Cabbage Patch Kid doll, a Member's Only jacket and a laserdisc copy of Flashdance. The students wear white linen gloves as they delicately handle the items, just as they would in an actual museum.

During a Thursday night session, many of the 20-something students discussing the exhibit admit to having little or no memories of the decade. Just as they did for last year's exhibit on early 20th century garment workers, they must approach the period through research and examination of its artifacts.

Shannon SanCartier, a student in her third semester of the program, led the night's discussion on the best way to present the exhibit's theme. Guided by assistant professor Tammy Stone-Gordon, SanCartier and the class's other students struggled to translate their academic research into the clear and succinct language that marks a successful museum exhibit.

For SanCartier, the UNCW program stood above others she considered because of the mix of such practical experiences and a firm academic grounding. Unlike many public history programs, students are required to produce a thesis along with their exhibit work.

"Everything here is designed for when you get into the field," said SanCartier. "You get hands-on design experience. You get a lot of theory and hands-on practice."

University-level public history education grew out of the rapid expansion of the number of historical sites and museums in the latter half of the 20th century. These institutions required professionals with a set of skills and knowledge distinct from the traditional roles of academically trained historians. Graduate level history programs prepared students to work as scholars and instructors, but included little or no instruction aimed at preparing students to become historical curators, interpreters and directors.

To meet this need, the University of California, Santa Barbara began the first public history program in the United States in 1976. Today, more than 60 universities offer public history tracks, programs and departments.

At UNCW, the department prepares students for their future careers by requiring them to pursue internships during their studies. The department also matches students with community organizations and small museums which need help designing exhibits. This year, the department helped the African-American Heritage Museum of Wilmington design a Web sign and plan the future exhibit space when the museum opens.

The department aims at preparing students who can enter the field immediately upon graduation. "The real goal is employment," said Moore.

Many of the department's graduates have gone on to prominent positions in museums across the country. **Katie Abbott '07M** now serves as curator of the Ironworld Museum in Chisholm, Minn., one of the largest in the state that features exhibits exploring the iron mining industry.

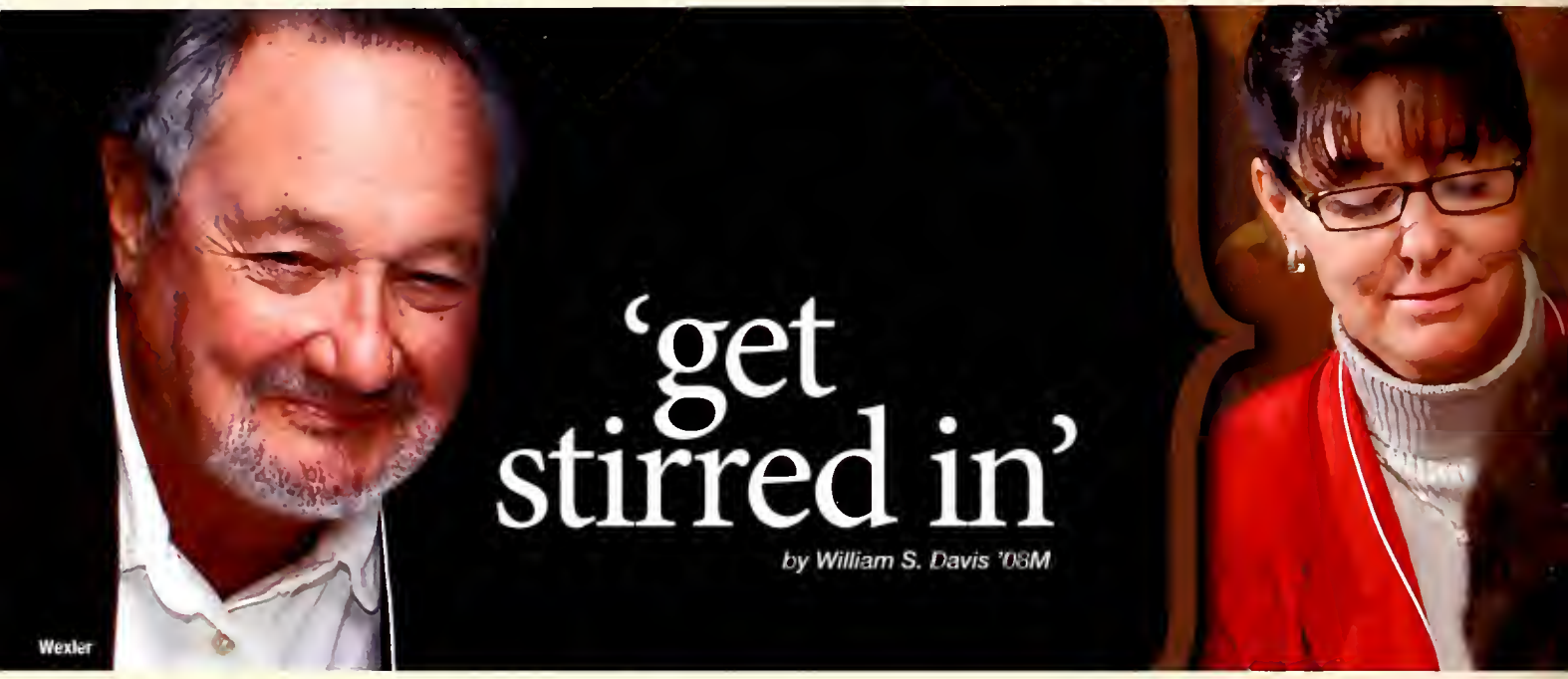
Price said after she received her bachelor's degree, she knew she wanted to continue her education in history, but did not want to teach in a formal setting. The program both trained her as a historian and gave her the practical skills needed to work as a public historian.

"Public historians are asked to wear many hats. I not only use my exhibit training, but have also been called upon to help with the preservation of historic structures, collection's care, oral history interviews and, trust me, the list goes on," said Price.

For the students still at UNCW, the work goes on to prepare for the new exhibit, which will go up at the end of the semester. Stone-Gordon said the students have a lot of work to do before they begin fabricating the exhibit. They also welcome donations of artifacts to help them along.

"If any of the alumni have old preppy shirts, we'll take them," said Stone-Gordon.

MIX OF PROGRAMS ENGAGE **RETIRED SENIORS**



Wexler

'get stirred in'

by William S. Davis '08M

When Owen Wexler and his wife Myrna retired to Wilmington, they knew they wanted a way to become involved in the community. For the Wexlers, the University of North Carolina Wilmington provided their avenue to a wealth of experiences at the university and beyond.

As a university volunteer, Wexler said he has done everything from acting as an usher at Kenan Auditorium and assisting as a counselor at a university day camp to collecting samples on a university research vessel. The contacts he made took him beyond the university, leading both him and his wife to volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross, Cape Fear Museum, the Cape Fear Jazz Society and other community, political and artistic organizations.

"There's an opportunity to get involved in the soup and get stirred in," said Wexler. "There's a tremendous amount of stuff that you can cross generate."

A retired professional in the health-care services industry, John Hatcher became involved in the Cameron School of Business Cameron Executive Network. The network pairs working and retired executive-level professionals with promising business majors, mostly junior and seniors. Every semester, the network's mentors impart their life experiences to the students, helping them avoid the stumbles and pitfalls facing young professionals.

"It appealed to me. I'd been a mentor in my corporate life. I thought I could bring something to the table," said Hatcher. "I wish I had the opportunity when I was a junior or senior."

The university offers a wealth of avenues to volunteer, said Wexler. The key to finding these opportunities, said Wexler, "is meeting people and reaching out." Once you begin to volunteer and demonstrate your abilities, said Wexler, the range of options offered expand.

"The easiest way, if you were a newbie, would be to start through OLLI," said Wexler.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is the university's bridge to the senior community. Through its programs, more than 1,000 members take part in activities ranging from the PLATO series of discussions on issues ranging from literature to foreign policy; tours led by university faculty and other distinguished instructors to locations such as Tuscany, the Canadian Rockies and the American West; day trips to Brunswick Town and the North Carolina Theater in Raleigh; lunches, cabaret dinners and Sunday brunches featuring lectures on topics like Pakistan, China and Mother Teresa; and the Ocean Odyssey program, which offers weekly discussions on environmental and marine science topics.

Murray Sherman said the appeal of OLLI comes from the diverse background of the seniors involved. With membership open to any member of the community 50 and over, many of the group's members come from academic, professional, diplomatic and government backgrounds.

Members of the Adult Scholars Leadership Program (ASLP) host an icebreaker as they kick off a new year of classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNC Wilmington.

The community the program builds can be particularly beneficial to professional seniors whose careers have taken them to new communities, said Kali Lightfoot, executive director of the National Resource Center for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. One of the side effects of the mobility required by many working in academia and corporate America is that seniors can find themselves isolated in new communities, far from family and friends.

"The nice thing about OLLI is that people can take classes with people who are interested in the same things they are," said Lightfoot.

"These people are generally very well educated," said Sherman. "Just because they are retired, it doesn't mean they crawl into a hole."

One of the institute's goals is to reach out to retirees from a diverse range of educational and socio-economic backgrounds, said Karel Dutton, director of continuing studies at UNCW. For the past three years, the institute has worked with the Wilmington Housing Authority to offer classes off-campus on topics like memory retention and ways to "energize your mind, body and spirit." It also has hired a diversity coordinator to develop programs for a wider audience of the region's seniors.

In 1993, Ed Doran and his wife, Stella, moved to Wilmington from White Plains, N.Y., and began attending events at Kenan Auditorium. After they discovered the PLATO courses and other activities at the university, the university became an enjoyable part of their lives, Doran noted.

"We took art classes, photography classes. It's been good to us," said Doran. "I met a lot of nice people."

The couple's experience led them to include the university in their wills and when Stella passed away, Doran said he embraced an opportunity to give back to the university. He decided to endow a travel scholarship that has so far benefited four students.

"I'm so happy that I did," said Doran.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=klHZozJs71M

Benefits of lifelong learning

Founded by Bernard Osher, one of the world's wealthiest men, the Osher Institutes follow a model similar to the Institute for Retired Professionals developed in 1962 by the New School for Social Research in New York at the request of a group of retired New York City school teachers seeking a source of mental stimulation.

UNCW's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute was founded in 2005 with a $100,000 grant from the Osher Foundation; a $1 million gift in 2007 established an endowment which allows the institute to remain financially independent and self-supporting.

UNCW may be eligible for an additional $1 million from the Osher Foundation, if it can reach 1,000 members by June 30. Memberships, beginning at $20 a semester, are open to anyone age 50 and over.

www.uncw.edu/olli

Get involved

UNCW policy on voluntary service on campus
www.uncw.edu/policies/08-180-voluntaryserviceoncampus.htm

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Small gift makes a global impact on a student

Amanda Case's '09 life has been forever changed by the kindness of a stranger.

With the Stella Doran International Studies Award given by Ed Doran in honor of his late wife, Case trekked more than 20,000 miles in 2007 to study abroad in Scotland and South Africa.

During her year-long excursion on the other side of the globe, the sociology major befriended a former African child soldier, explored the rich art districts of Paris, observed the poverty of a post-Apartheid shantytown, spent New Year's Day on the emerald Isle of Mann and saw the world through new eyes.

"I had never been out of the country before," said Case. "You have all of these ideas about what things will be like before you leave, but really, I learned that we are all pretty similar to people on the other side of the world. The roots of so many of our social problems are the same."

Case had always wanted to explore the world, but she said it was hard to overcome the many fears she had about traveling, namely the cost.

"It was so expensive to study abroad, but it was the best thing I have ever done in my life. That is why I am so grateful to Mr. Doran. It means so much to me that he gave the gift of travel to someone he had never met, and now I am determined to give back like that."

Since her return to the United States, Case has emulated her donor's generosity as an intern at the Wilmington Housing Authority Hillcrest Community Center, where she participates in a reading program for diverse children and applies her reinforced belief that all people are equal, regardless of their race or culture.

"My time abroad kind of woke me up and gave me new direction," said Case.

After graduation, Case now hopes to teach English as second language to students in Asia or serve as a community development volunteer in the Peace Corps, dreams she said she "may have given up on had I not been able to experience life abroad when I did."

To learn how you can change a student's life, visit www.uncw.edu/give.

Landfall

by Andrea Weaver

A foundation of support for UNCW

Using an innovative approach to the classic work-study program, the Landfall Foundation gives scholarships to UNCW students who work for the Country Club of Landfall and the Council of Associations, the Landfall property owners' association.

Since 2005, the foundation has assisted 66 UNCW scholars, providing $135,000 in scholarships. Employees who attend Cape Fear and Brunswick County community colleges and Miller Motte have received scholarships, too. Overall, hundreds of students from regional institutions have benefitted from the foundation's scholarships since its inception in 1996.

"Landfall residents are blessed to have so many UNCW students working for the Country Club of Landfall and the property owners' association," says Carol Cunningham, president of the foundation's Board of Directors. "The Landfall Foundation recognizes them with our scholarship program. These scholarships have had a very positive effect on the recruitment and retention of outstanding employees."

Steve McCrossan '06, events manager at the Landfall Country Club and a graduate student at UNCW, says the foundation scholarship has helped him personally and professionally.

"I wouldn't have gone on to graduate school if it wasn't for the scholarship, or grant, the foundation gives me," says McCrossan, who is earning a master's degree in liberal studies. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from UNCW. "I wanted to keep going to school; I like learning, but I couldn't have come back to college without their help."

He also uses the foundation scholarships to inspire UNCW students who work for him at the club. McCrossan says, "It's kind of a recruiting tool for me. When I tell them they can get a reimbursement for their tuition, their eyes kind of light up. This is a great opportunity, and I tell them to use it."

The scholarship program is a prime example of the unique bond between the Landfall community and the university.

"Landfall and UNCW have an incredible synergy," Cunningham says. "Both benefit from the relationship. Many people who have moved to Landfall from out of town have stated that the presence of the university was a principal reason for moving here. UNCW provides opportunities including continuing education, musical concerts and art performances, sports, teaching and mentoring."

In UNCW, the Landfall Foundation has a partner equally committed to community outreach. The foundation's mission is to support the arts, education, health and welfare of Wilmington and surrounding communities. Since it was formed, the foundation has donated more than $1.6 million to area schools, libraries, health care agencies, shelters, community programs for children and more, including more than $26,000 in grants to UNCW programs.

Many Landfall residents have adopted the university as their new, hometown school. They support a variety of scholarships and other funds at UNCW. In addition, they volunteer as student mentors, serve on numerous campus boards, attend countless cultural arts events and lectures, and support campus athletic programs as individuals and as a community. For example, the Landfall Tradition is a celebrated college golf tournament and, in 2010, the NCAA Women's Golf Championships will be held at the Country Club of Landfall.

"UNCW is extremely grateful to the Landfall Foundation, and the entire Landfall community, for supporting our students, faculty and staff," says Mary M. Gornto, vice chancellor for university advancement. "We appreciate the many ways in which they contribute to making the UNCW experience so special, and we believe that it is a mutually beneficial partnership that we anticipate lasting for many years."

1. Nikkita Johnson, a diversity scholarship donor, spoke at the Scholarship Donor Appreciation Dinner in February.
2. George Rountree is pictured with members of the UNCW basketball team who benefit from his scholarship. Pictured are: Montaz Downey, Dominique Lacy, Chad Tomko, Darryl Felder and Mark Davis.
3. Donors Richard and Elaine Mueller met their scholarship recipient, Deborah Styron, center.
4. Monica Watson (center) is pictured with her scholarship recipients, Kathleen Costa and Elise Ramsey.

Scholarships create legacy at UNCW

UNCW always has been dedicated to making certain our students excel. Although the university has grown from a few hundred students in the 1950s to about 12,500 now, UNCW continues to focus on the individuals who really matter – students.

Attracting and retaining talented, diverse students is essential to providing the most powerful learning experience possible. The university selects students based on their academic performance, dedication and potential rather than their families' financial circumstances. Scholarships enable a variety of deserving students to attend UNCW. Priorities include:

- Merit scholarships
- Diversity scholarships
- Student-athlete scholarships
- Departmental and program-based scholarships
- Graduate fellowships
- Funds to support applied learning experiences, including undergraduate research, travel and service learning

If you want to make a meaningful difference at UNCW, and in the lives of countless students, consider establishing an endowed scholarship. They are a permanent part of the UNCW financial aid program as well as a permanent component of the university's endowment, which means an endowed scholarship created now will assist students for years to come.

Donors have many options to consider when funding a scholarship – such as an outright cash donation, a gift of stock or property, or a planned gift. Please contact Eddie Stuart, senior development director with University Advancement, at 910.962.7665 to discuss your ideas for an endowed scholarship. To contribute to an existing scholarship, visit **www.uncw.edu/giveonline**. American Express Card contributions now accepted in addition to MasterCard and Visa.

Investing in UNCW

"Gift planning" is the simple process of determining how you plan to support your favorite charity now and in the future, and involves putting your gift intentions in writing.

To include UNCW in your estate plans requires a thoughtful and generous decision. You may provide for the university through a bequest in your will or trust; as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, CD or IRA account, charitable lead or remainder trust, or by creating a charitable gift annuity.

Gift plans are flexible by design; they can be fashioned from almost any marketable asset or cash. Your plan might create immediate financial support or build long-term endowment.

Whatever you decide, a planned gift to benefit UNCW is filled with the potential to assist you and your family with estate taxes and to assist generations of students with their dreams of a college education.

For more information about gift planning opportunities at UNCW, contact Herb Bailey, director of development for planned giving, at 910.962.314 or baileyjh@uncw.edu.

www.uncw.edu/plannedgiving

Sherick Hughes '97

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo

Rebecca Scherrer '00

Alumni Association salutes *2009 award winners*

by Andrea Weeks

Nominations
for 2010 Alumni Association Awards

Have a friend, mentor or colleague who deserves recognition from the UNCW Alumni Association? Nominate him or her for an award. Nominations are due by July 1. Visit **www.uncw.edu/alumni** for criteria and more information.

Jamie Moncrief

Jerry Wilkins

Young Alumna of the Year

Rebecca Scherrer '00

Law Clerk for Judge Robert N. Hunter Jr.
N.C. Court of Appeals
J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, 2005

"From the time I was 16, I knew I wanted to go to UNCW. It is one of the best decisions I ever made…My best UNCW experience is being an alumna. When I came back to North Carolina after law school, I didn't have a job. I learned that Judge Tyson graduated from UNCW. I e-mailed him, and within two hours, he e-mailed me back." They met at a luncheon for attorneys about a week later, and Tyson helped Scherrer obtain her first law clerk position in North Carolina. *"He actually allowed me to do what I knew I was capable of doing, what I wanted to do the whole time. I only hope one day that I can help another UNCW graduate as he has helped me."* – Rebecca Scherrer

"I'm very proud of her."
– John M. Tyson '75, mentor and friend

Tyson, an adjunct professor with the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University, formerly served as a judge with the N.C. Court of Appeals. He was the 2006 Alumnus of the Year.

Citizen of the Year

Jerry Wilkins

UNCW Corporation Board of Directors
Former chair, UNCW Foundation Board
Retired senior vice president, BB&T

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate this award. It means a lot to my family and me."
– Jerry Wilkins

A longtime UNCW donor and volunteer, Wilkins was influential in helping UNCW alumni obtain a bank loan in the 1990s to refurbish the Wise Alumni House. In the community, Wilkins has been a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club, an active supporter of the Cape Fear Area Boy Scouts and a member of the Wilmington Excellence Committee. In 2005, the governor appointed Wilkins to the USS NC Battleship Commission.

"I have known Jerry for 40 years. He has been a great contributor to the Wilmington community and to UNC Wilmington. He is a person of extremely high integrity. If Jerry tells you something, you can depend on it."
– Robert F. Warwick '55

Alumnus of the Year

Sherick Hughes '97

Assistant professor, School of Education,
University of Maryland, College Park
M.A., Wake Forest University
M.P.A., Institute of Government,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ph.D., School of Education, UNC Chapel Hill

"From my home near our nation's capital, I stand in the yard and look out at the stars with my daughter. We see a star rising in the Southeast. When I come back here to campus and see all that this university is becoming, I can now tell my daughter that rising star is the University of North Carolina Wilmington." – Sherick Hughes

Hughes is recognized as a promising young leader in the field of minority and urban education. He previously taught at the University of Toledo. He has published numerous articles related to cultural diversity and education in peer-reviewed publications as well as two books, including *Black Hands in the Biscuits Not in the Classrooms: Unveiling Hope in a Struggle for Brown's Promise*, the Association of Education Services Agencies 2007 Critics' Choice Award selection. He excels despite numerous challenges caused by rheumatoid arthritis.

Known among his UNCW friends as "Roc," Hughes was an outgoing student who excelled at intramural rugby. He was elected Homecoming King his senior year. He and his wife Megan met at UNCW, where she watched him play basketball behind Galloway Hall.

An excerpt from Megan Hughes' nomination letter:

"While this is a letter of nomination, it is also a love letter and an expression of deep appreciation for a man who has faced a great challenge and continues to tackle it with humor, energy and, above all, hopefulness. It is a grateful acknowledgement to UNCW and the Wilmington community for bringing us to the same space and time 15 years ago. And it is a song of devotion to my husband."

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1 Sophomore Michael Barcelo got some help from his Delta Chi fraternity brothers as he strapped on his wings before the homecoming parade through campus.

2 Jerel Stephenson rocketed between a pair of Dukes as the Seahawks battled James Madison University during the homecoming basketball game. JMU defeated the 'Hawks in the final minutes of the game, 79-73.

3 Outgoing homecoming king Brian Ford (left) and queen Leigh Stracke (right) are pictured backstage at Trask Coliseum with the just-crowned 2009 king Mick Glassmacher and queen Erin Albee.

4 Physical Graffeeti, UNCW's hip-hop dance team, performed at the 12th annual Port City Step Show in Kenan Auditorium, part of the 2009 "Turn Loose Your Teal" homecoming events.

5 Student groups made their way through the heart of campus during the annual homecoming parade.

Photos by Johann Fenn and James Moncrief

Relive the memories by reviewing the photo gallery at
www.uncw.edu/alumni/2009homecoming.htm.

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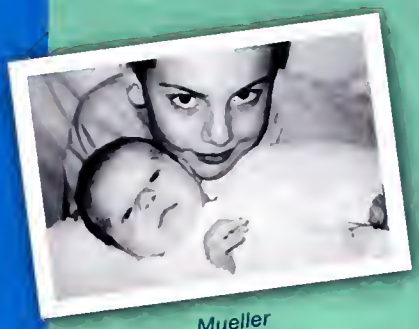

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1950s

Bob Warwick '55 marked his 50th year with the accounting, tax and business consulting firm, RSM McGladrey.

1960s

Jim Farlow '66 of The Farlow Group, a construction company that builds homes in the Wilmington area, was featured in the Nov. 14, 2008, edition of *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*.

1970s

Jim Harris '70 retired in January 2009 after 19 years of service at UNC Wilmington where he was the associate director of housing operations. He was in charge of coordinating major housing projects on campus including International, Honors and Cornerstone halls, Seahawk Village, Landing and Crossing.

Bruce Cavenaugh '73 was profiled in the May 30, 2008, issue of *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*

Greg Dalton '74 retired in December 2008 after 31 years in UNCW's athletics department where he was senior associate athletic director for business affairs. Dalton oversaw the department's daily internal operations and was sports supervisor for baseball, men's and women's golf and swimming and diving.

Edgar B. Dickens '74 passed away Nov. 18, 2007. Survivors include his sister, Janice Dickens Manyak '78 of Ellicott City, Md.

Ed Ellis '76 heads up disaster relief coordination in seven states through the Housing and Urban Development Department in Fort Worth, Texas. He is the former head of Liberation Community, an organization that helps people with limited funds get financing for homes.

Frances Gray Smith '77 received an Ed. D. in Higher Education Administration from George Washington University in May 2008. Her dissertation focused on "The Perceptions of Universal Design for Learning in College Classrooms." Frances is a collateral faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University and a visiting adjunct professor at GWU.

Paul W. Dempsey '78 is the pharmacy director for Hot Springs Health Program in Marshall.

Paintings by Eric Lawing '78, an art professor at UNCW, were showcased in the exhibit "The Measure of All Things" at Cameron Art Museum and "Au Natural" at New Elements Gallery.

1980s

Skip Watkins '80, '88M represents Capital Investment Companies in Crescent State Bank's Wilmington offices.

Alvin D. Davis '81 teaches ninth through twelfth grade chemistry and physics at North Duplin High School in Mount Olive.

Nancy Bullington Carter '82, a pastel artist living in Washington, D.C., was awarded Best in Show for an exhibit juried by Wilford W. Scott of the National Gallery of Art. Her works are included in collections at New Elements Gallery in Wilmington. Samples of her work can be viewed at www.nancycarterartist.com.

Michele Skeele '82 is a parent sponsor of the Hendersonville High School skiing and snowboarding team. She works for the Council on Aging in Hendersonville. She was featured in a Jan. 25, 2009, article on BlueRidgeNow.com.

Alvin Brantley '83 is the postmaster in Kinston and teaches postal service technology at the Lenoir Community College.

Deborrah L. Newton '83 has her own solo practice, Newton Law, a firm that concentrates in state and federal criminal trial and appeal work. She was selected for a four-year term on the Criminal Justice Act panel of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, representing indigent criminal defendants on appeal and in death penalty appeals. She was president of the Wake County Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers in 2007 and 2008. Her daughter Brittany is a theatre and history major at UNCW.

Charles D. Horne '84 is president and managing partner for Pittard, Perry & Crone Inc. and is responsible for the management of the firm's six offices in eastern North Carolina.

Lt. Everett Clendenin '85 was promoted to captain of the N.C. Highway Patrol. He is the patrol's media representative and oversees the patrol's enforcement operations.

Sabrina Hart '85 was appointed head of risk operations in group risk management with Zurich North America Commercial in New York.

Darlene Gresham Waddell '85 was appointed to the N.C. Council on Women, which advises the governor and state legislature about education and employment of women in the state. She is the executive director of the N C. Global TransPark Authority and a member of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones.

Cindy Cheatham '86 is the capital campaign development manager for the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Brunswick County Hospice Care Center. Cheatham owns Shallotte and Southport Cleaners, a company that has received both the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year award and the Best of Brunswick Reader's Choice award

Jean Jones '86 was awarded the Ethel N. Fortner Writer and Community Award from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg. His poetry collection, "The Birds of Djakarta" was published by St. Andrews College Press.

Lisa R. Brown '88 is the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year at Cerro Gordo Elementary School.

Kimberly Kopka Ratcliff '88 was crowned celebrity queen of North Carolina Pecan Harvest Festival. She is the co-anchor of Carolina in the Morning on WECT and Fox26.

Jeffrey J. Cole '89 opened his second business in North Carolina, Cole & Moye Enterprises Inc. It is an extension of Cole & Skinner Insurance Services which was established in 1989.

Todd K. Hinson '89 is a research scientist doing molecular biology work with Athenix Corp., a agricultural biotech company in Research Triangle Park. He volunteers with the Northern Junior Athletic Association in northern Durham County.

Sara Schilling Lipman '89 is the director of external relations for the College of Business at Ohio University.

Christine Alderman Powers '89 is the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year at the elementary school at the Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina.

1990s

Larry Neal '90 and his wife Triscina announce the birth of Kertsin Deanne on Oct. 1, 2008. Larry is chief of museum services and education with the N.C. Transportation Museum.

Wendy Cain Sholar '90 is a full-time instructor in Bladen Community College's nursing department.

David C. Rouse '90 and Jennifer S. Holmes were married July 26, 2008.

Tammy K. Baggett '91 is the assistant director of the New Hanover County Public Library.

Rita Hollodick Newlands '91 and her husband Craig announce the birth of Logan W. on June 12, 2008. They reside in Los Angeles.

Kelly Greene Petrill '91 and her husband Scott announce the birth of Victoria Ana on Nov. 16, 2008. They reside in Wingate.

LaChawn Smith '91, '98M was named 2008 Principle of the Year at Murray Middle School.

Britt M. Coleman '92 and Robert T. Sterling were married June 15, 2008.

Frederick P. Clingenpeel '92, '08M is the police chief in Belhaven.

Mark A. Hicks '92 and his wife Nichole announce the birth of William Gray on Nov 26, 2008.

Bill McLean '92 is the assistant rowing coach at Southern Methodist Community.

Ken Dots '92 is the manager of conferencing and global business development for the Whitlock Group, an audio and video systems integration firm in Wilmington.

Newell Clark '93 had his master's thesis on display at Arts United of Davidson County. The thesis, "Proof: A Photographic Study into John F. Kennedy's Assassination," was a multimedia display questioning whether or not there was a second gunman involved in the president's shooting.

Ryan Draughn '93 was named one of the *Triangle Business Journal*'s 40 under 40 winner. Ryan is the information technology director for Lee County Government.

Rich C. Glenn '93 is assistant vice president and commercial banking officer with Waccamaw Bank. He is president of the Elizabethtown-White Lake Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Elizabethtown Rotary Club and Bladen We Care committee, executive board member of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts, coach in the Bladen County Recreation Department and elder in Elizabeth First Presbyterian Church.

Michael A. Ray '94, eastern Wake community executive for Crescent State Bank, was named to the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He resides in Wake Forest.

David Smith '94 was promoted to command sergeant major of the 1/252 Combined Arms Battalion, N.C. Army National Guard. He is deploying to Iraq as part of the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team in 2009.

Matthew J. '95 and **Stacy Johnson '95** announce the birth of Parker Daniel on May 19, 2008. Stacy is the owner of From Thyme to Time Personal Chef Service.

Livian Jones '95M was appointed by Mayor Bill Saffo to the Wilmington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Jones is a general contractor and vice president of John S. Clark Co.

Ana Diener Maring '95 and her husband Greg announce the birth of Thane Nainoa on Dec. 10, 2008.

Ryan A. Mueller '95 and his wife Jennifer announce the birth of Sophia Rae on Oct. 16, 2008. Ryan works in sales with Baldor Electric. (photo)

Christy L. Stanley '95, a teacher at Pender Success Academy, is Pender County's 2008-09 Teacher of the Year. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in educational leadership and administration.

Beverly Reynolds Turner '95 is the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year for Whiteville City Schools.

Stephanie Day Banton '96 and her husband Richard announce the birth of Jamison Grace on Jan. 14, 2008. They reside in Reston, Va.

Jay Barker '96, the owner of JEB Realty, was featured in the Feb. 12, 2009, issue of GoDanRiver.com for his purchase of 118-acre Dan River Inc. property in Danville, Va., which he plans to develop. He is also a part owner of Piedmont Big Sale and Kannenberg, Barker, Hale & Cotton.

Ashley G. Brown '96 and Sarah J. Kuster were married July 26, 2008.

Bobby Deskins '96 received the American Meteorological Society's designation of certified broadcast meteorologist. He has been with WCTI-TV 12 since February 2003.

Kristin A. Kluga '96 and Matthew P. Kluga were married May 31, 2008. She is a technical writer and communications specialist with Richard J. Princinsky & Associates Inc.

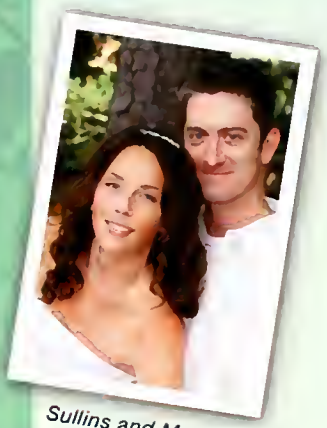
Kimberly J. Lund-Jones '96 and her husband Ronnie are moving to Japan where they will live for the next three years.

Luther R. '96 and **Michelle Keener Midgette '95** announce the birth of Zoe Grace on July 3, 2008. (photo)

Steven J. Antini '97 and Amy Marie Olson were married Aug. 9, 2008. Steven is legal counsel for Glenport Inc. in Raleigh.

Colin D. Heaton '97 is the co-author of *Night Fighters: Luftwaffe and RAF Air Combat Over Europe: 1939-1945 with Anne-Marie Lewis*, published by the U.S. Naval Institute Press. Colin teaches at the American Military University.

Wesley E. '94 and **Pamela Sanderson Hinson '97** announce the birth of twins, Zachary Glenn and Allison Grace, on Oct. 23, 2008. (photo)



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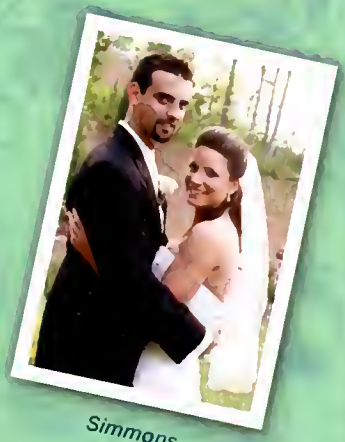

Simmons

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John '97 and **Brandy Casanova Metzger '97** announce the birth of Haley Ann on Sept. 25, 2008. Brandy is an academically or intelligently gifted teacher with New Hanover County Schools.

Jeff Wetmore '97 was promoted to vice president for commercial lending at Community Bank of Rowan. He is a Habitat for Humanity board member and is active with the United Way and chamber of commerce.

Jennifer Rogers Anderson '98 and her husband Josh announce the birth of Finley Rogers on Oct. 27, 2008. Jennifer is a clinical research associated with PPD Inc. in Wilmington (photo)

Matthew K. Barker '98 is director of marketing for TeleHealth Services Inc. in Raleigh.

Stephanie Parker Bass '98 and her husband Deleon announce the birth of Cayden Lane on Sept. 9, 2008. (photo)

G. Keane '98 and **Alison Setzer Bellamy '05M** announce the birth of Halley Eve on Nov. 29, 2007. Alison is a first grade teacher in New Hanover County Schools, and Keane is an inventory manager with Southport Boatworks. (photo)

Alison P. Bennett '98 passed away Nov. 4, 2008. She was founder and co-owner of Sunset Construction Corporation Inc.

Bradley G. Buchanan '98 and Mindy Lea Carden were married June 7, 2008.

John T. Edwards '98 and Tracie L. Hopper were married June 14, 2008. John is employed by the Department of Homeland Security in Roswell, N.M.

Kimberly G. Gibson '98 and **Jason B. Brock '02** were married Aug. 2, 2008. Kimberly is a second grade teacher at Benson Elementary School, and Jason is the general manager of Carlie C's in Benson.

Latisha T. Petteway '98 received a bronze medal for commendable serve from the Environmental Protection Agency. Latisha is a public affairs specialist at EPA headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

Michelle L. Poole '98 received a Master of Arts degree in educational psychology, measurement and evaluation from UNC-Chapel Hill in December 2008. She and her husband, **Ryan D. Fleek '97**, reside in Durham.

Mary E. Stallings '98 and **Johnnie A. Pippen, Jr. '97** were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Carin Z. Faulkner '99, '08M is the town clerk for North Topsail Beach. A lecturer at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in the British Virgin Islands and now on study leave, **Cassander O'Neal '99** was awarded a diploma in university teaching from the University of New Brunswick-Saint John in Canada. Cassander is pursuing a Ph.D. in marine biology with a concentration in ecotoxicology and pollution. Her project is focusing on tributyltin, a biocide found in anti-fouling paint to deter algae, barnacles and other organisms from settling on the bottom of boats.

Jill Raspet '99 of the Wilmington office of Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP, was certified as a specialist in estate planning and probate law. Jill's other professional affiliations include: chair of the Estate Administration Manual Committee, Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association, and member of New Hanover County Estate Planning Council.

2000s

Justin C. Barber '00 and Cristina M. Muirhead announce the birth of Maxwell Julian on June 25, 2008. Justin is a senior investment specialist at Obelisk International.

Jessica Marshall Bradley '00 is the executive director of the ASCEND Foundation.

Brian Cox '00 is managing director of the Carolina Condrey Group's district office in Wilmington as part of the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network serving eastern North Carolina.

David C. Davis '00 and Erin M. Sowell were married Nov. 1, 2008. David is the sales manager at East Carolina Chrysler Dodge.

Matt Davis '00 is the owner Discount Quality Furniture in Thomasville. He was featured in the June 29, 2008, issue of the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

David M. '00 and **Jennifer Owens Durham '00** announce the birth of Luke Christopher on June 26, 2008. They reside in Burlington.

Benjamin R. Hall '00 was named Stokes County 2009 Wachovia Principal of the Year. Russell is a principal at Nancy Reynolds Elementary School.

Shannon Kinser '00 was named as one of the top "Under 40" workers in southeastern Virginia by the Hampton Roads magazine *Inside Business*. Kinser is the president of the Currituck Chamber of Commerce in Currituck County, N.C.

Jennifer Patterson Mickey '00 and her husband Charlie announce the birth of Addison Grace on July 25, 2008.

Erica Peedin '00 and **Kristopher Cottle '07** were married April 12, 2008. Erica is vice president of production and Kristopher is the life and financial director; both work for Shealy Insurance Group in Wilmington.

Laura J. Grimes '01 and Ryan W. Holland were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Daniel Guthery '01 and Melissa Volpini were married May 20, 2006. They live in Charlotte where Daniel is employed by Eastern Industrial Supplies Inc.

Tara Biddy Killian '01 and her husband Gordon announce the birth of Savannah Rae on Feb. 6, 2008. A teacher with Newton-Conover City Schools, Tara received National Board Certification.

Jillian DeSarno Kristick '01 and her husband Kevin announces the birth of Lilly Elizabeth on Aug. 6, 2008.

Adam Murray '01, interim dean of university libraries at Murray State University, was selected to participate in the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders Program for 2009.

Greg '01 and **Leslie Grimes Parr '00** announce the birth of Brayden on Oct. 13, 2008.

Karen Harney Saint-Lot '01 is the broker-in-charge and manager of the Real Estate Owned Department of Benham Real Estate Group in Wilmington.

Dahlia T. Sullins '01 and **Tony C. Morris '00** were married Oct. 18, 2008. (photo)

Andrew Abbott '02 exhibited his artwork during February 2009 in the Lemarche Lounge of Smith Union at Bowdoin College.

Stephanie Brooks '02 and Jason P. Hawver were married March 29, 2008. They reside in Denton, Texas.

Anna C. Clark '02 and Ryan C. Murphy were married Sept. 27, 2008.

John C. Clark '02 and Shannon R. Williams were married Oct. 18, 2008.

Lindsay A. Craig '02 and Derek S. Haneline were married July 19, 2008. Lindsay is employed by Lincoln County Department of Social Services.

Marc Crispell '02 is the owner of Priddyboys Sandwich Grill in the University Landing, Wilmington, and Crispe Management Inc. He was profiled in the Nov. 14, 2008, issue of *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*.

Brandon Hills '02 is the national sales and marketing coordinator for Learfield Sports.

Julie Patterson Landen '02 and her husband Chad announce the birth of Taylor Elizabeth on April 12, 2008.

Matthew Leonard '02 joined the Rotary Club of St. Coix Mid-Isle in the U.S. Virgin Islands and volunteered to help rebuild a kitchen in the local boys and girls club on St. Croix.

Justin Lovich '02 works in the workers' compensation group of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC of Pittsburgh, Pa. He also provides pro bono services to Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh and is a member of the American Inns of Court.

Amy W. Norwood '02 and Donald I. Roush were married August 23, 2008. Amy is a newborn critical care nurse at the NC Children's Hospital.

Meghan Stetle '02 and **Alan Barbieri '02** were married July 19, 2008. Meghan is a sales representative with Forest Pharmaceuticals, and Alan works is a territory manager with Tulsa Dental. They reside in Hoboken, N.J. (photo)

Zachary S. Crispin '03 passed away in April 2008.

Tate Johnson '03, '06M was appointed by Governor Beverly Perdue as the Eastern North Carolina director for the governor's office in New Bern.

Tom O'Neill '03 is vice president of marketing for Gateway Realty & Management.

Matthew G. '03 and **Tosha Burchette Willard '03** announce the birth of Brody Grayson on Oct. 18, 2008. Matthew is an outside salesman with Pro Build.

Anna E. Wrenn '03 and Michael D. Bruton were married Oct. 11, 2008. Anna is a registered dental hygienist at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort.

Leah Brubak Benolken '04 and her husband Joel announce the birth of Isabel Hope on July 8, 2008.

Kristin Brigner '04 is superintendent of Raven Rock State Park in Harnett County. She is a certified environmental educator and holds intermediate law enforcement certification.

Sharon Edelstein '04 and **David Massey '06** were married May 31, 2008. Sharon is a special activities instructor at the N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher. (photo)

Tracey Boone Grisham '04 is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in teaching for early childhood and elementary education at Oregon State University.

Gina Evans Gore '04, a fifth grade teacher at Union Elementary School, was named the Walmart Teacher of the Year.

Gray C. Hagler '04 and **Richard B. Moore '99** were married July 26, 2008. Gray, an alcohol drug counselor with the Aiken Center, earned a Master of Education degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in August 2008. Richard is a cost analyst at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

Ryan M. Hohman '04 received a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He also has a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Lisa Phillips '04 and **Carter Derrick '04** were married May 16, 2008. Lisa is a registered nurse in the labor and delivery section of Moses Cone Health System. Carter works with East Coast Lumber Company. They live in Greensboro.

Courtney Ross Lewis '04 is the marketing coordinator for Bobbit Design Build in Raleigh.

Crystal Nutly '04 is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at NC State University. She is an accountant with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Amanda E. Simmons '04 and Tyson D. Harton were married June 7, 2008. Amanda is the manager of marketing for Hoffman & Hoffman Inc. (photo)

Megan G. Stanley '04 and James G. Kesler were married Sept. 6, 2008.

Kara B. Still '04M won an award of merit from the Indie Film Fest for her film *Altared*.

Jo Anne Blank '05 and Robert K. Parker were married Sept. 6, 2008.

Logan E. Bradshaw '05 and Matthew R. Sullivan were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Kimberly R. Bolen '05, a licensed psychological associate, is employed by Anchor Psychological & Counseling Services.

Michelle L. Dills '05 is the governmental affairs reporter for the *Kernersville News*.

Valerie Dryka '05 is the founder of Mr. & Mrs. Green Clean, a new eco-friendly cleaning service business in Wilmington.

Sonya N. Edens '05 and Emery D. Smith were married June 28, 2008.

At the International Free Diving competition in Egypt, **Ashley Futral '05**, a member of the American Women's Free Diving Team, set a personal best depth record for breath hold diving to 55 meters (181 feet). She also completed in a breath holding underwater distance event.

Ryan G. Hilsinger '05 and Keri L. Morgan were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Benjamin A. Howell '05 and Jamie D. Peele were married Nov. 8, 2008.

Stephanie B. Humphrey '05 and Joseph M. McGarry were married Aug. 15, 2008.

Bryn McSwain '05 is the head boys' basketball coach at Ashley High School in Wilmington.

Ashley Breedlove Naleimaile '05 and her husband Randy announce the birth of Christian Keali'i on July 30, 2008. Ashley is the deputy clerk in the Administrative Office of the Courts in Wilmington.

Beth Reed '05 is a market development assistant for Digital Switching Systems, LLC in Raleigh.

Carey Disney Ricks '05 is the public relations/public information officer for Cape Fear Public Utility Authority.

Sandra Tatum Matus'05 and her husband announce the birth of Caleb on Oct. 9, 2008. (photo)

Matthew Tullis '05M is an assistant professor at the Ashland University College of Arts and Sciences

Logan E. Bradshaw '06 and Matthew R. Sullivan were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Kasi Thornton Brooks '06 and her husband Matthew announce the birth of Wyatt Xavier on June 25, 2008.

Kimberly Dunevant '06 and Joseph Steppe were married Sept. 6. 2008. (photo)

Kristin Krupa '06 and Jason Burnette were married July 7, 2008. Kristin is a teacher with the Wake County Public Schools.

June C. Cheatham '06 and **Colby A. Beamer '06** were married Nov. 15, 2008. June is an aesthetician and laser technician at Wilmington Plastic Surgery, and Colby is a physical education teacher with New Hanover County Schools.

Justine Hammer '06 and **William B. Clark '06** were married Aug. 8, 2008. Justine works as an education support specialist at Central Elementary School in Fluvanna County, Va., and William is an accounts manager at Venturi Staffing in Charlottesville, Va.

Douglas S. Cutting Jr. '06M and Virginia A. Nichole were married Nov. 15, 2008. Douglas is employed by Grubb & Ellis/Wilson Kibler, a timber, farm and recreational land sales firm.

Tammie Haynes Grady '06 is enrolled in Program Development in Family Life Education through NC State University's distance learning graduate studies. Her goal is to enroll in the human development and family studies master's program.

Amber Grogan Hacker '06 who works for Interfaith Youth Core was a guest writer on the *Washington Post* Web site's "On Faith" section.

T. Dean Heath Jr. '06 and Carolyn Weaver were married Oct. 4, 2008. Heath is a student recruiter at Cape Fear Community College.

Nancy E. Jones '06 and **James D. Harder '06** were married July 12, 2008.

Jenny Leeds '06 was named 2008 Teacher of the Year at Ogden Elementary School.

Robert D. Mendieta '06 is the creator of the Carolina Wake Series Tour, a competition for wake boarders of all levels.

Shannon Modla '06M, a research associate in the Delaware Biotechnology Institute's Bio-Imaging Center, was honored with the Microscopy Society of American's Professional Technical Staff Award for her study of viruses in marine ecosystems using a scanning electron microscope.

Lindsay V. Moffitt '06 and John C. Dunn were married July 12, 2008.

Matthew B. Vaughan '06 and Carroll E. Jones were married August 16, 2008. Matthew is employed by MMI Associates Inc., a public relations firm in Raleigh.

Virginia M. Bush '07 and **Jonathan A. Ferguson '06** were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Carver Carr '07 and **Christopher Wilson '07** were married Oct. 11, 2008.

Nevin Carr '07M is one of the owners of Arrowhead Energy Corporation, a Wilmington company that installs residential and commercial solar electric systems.

Brian Chandler '07 is a Web site designer and programmer with WordwrightWeb.

Philip R. Christmas '07 and Tricia L. Hine were married June 21, 2008. Philip is employed at Triangle Rent-A-Car.

Gray '07M and **Olivia Reed Dale '07M** announce the birth of Lake Reed on July 18, 2008. Olivia is a senior research and development molecular biologist at the University of Mississippi, and Gray is the director of development with the Oxford Lafayette Humane Society.

Carol Davis '07 is a human resources coordinator with McKim and Creed.

Britney A. Eldridge '07 and Bradley B. Knighton were married Sept. 13, 2008.

Melissa J. Costin '07 was named the 2008-09 Wachovia Assistant Principal of the Year. She works at South Caldwell High School.

Colbey Garrison '07 is the subject of a year-long profile of the experiences of a new teacher featured in the Wilmington *Star-News*. Garrison works at Freeman School of Engineering.

Sarah Grimm '07 and her husband Brian announce the birth of Hawk Daniel on Sept. 3, 2008. (photo)

Justine D. Hammer '07 and William B. Clark were married Aug. 8, 2008.

Shawna J. Keeney '07 spent part of August in Denmark, working with Crossing Borders, a nonprofit nongovernmental organization that tries to promote international understanding. She also helped Palestinian, Israeli and Jordanian students launch a magazine.

Brea E. Martin '07 and **Kevin L. Kelly '01** were married Nov. 8, 2008. Brea teaches at College Park Elementary School, and Kevin is employed by Mayer Electric Supply Company.

Niel Brooks '08M is the manager of parks and environmental programs in Leland.

2nd Lt. **Erika M. Hanson '08** graduated in August 2008 as a member of the 50th class of the N.C. Army National Guard Officer Candidate School. She will be deploying to Iraq in April 2009 for a second tour.

Carie Hett '08 volunteers at the YWCA documenting the diversity of trees, ferns and vines found in the nine acres of forest and wetlands behind the complex. She is building a creative teaching tool for the YWCA's environmental educators and the children at the camp.

Nikki E. Lamb '08 and **Justin A. Dellinger '08** were married July 19, 2008. Nikki is a special education teacher at Auburn High School, and Justin is a graduate student and teacher's assistant at Auburn University.

Heather L. Parks '08 and Ian K. Hollingsworth were married Aug. 30, 2008.

Bret T. Patterson '08 is a commercial line sales executive for the Jacksonville branch of SIA Group, a full-service insurance agency.

Lesley L. Potter '08 and **Jody T. Deaton '09** were married June 14, 2008. Leslie is employed by New Hanover County Schools.

Kathryn A. Snell '08 and **Christopher E. Swanson '08** were married May 31, 2008.

Mona Vance '08M was awarded the Glover Moore Prize by the Mississippi Historical Society for her thesis "Fighting the Wave of Change: Cultural Transformation and Coeducation at Mississippi University for Women, 1884-1982," The prize recognizes the best master's thesis on a topic in Mississippi history or biography completed the previous year. Mona is the archivist at Columbus-Lowndes Public Library in Columbus, Miss.

Kirsten R. Ward '08 and **Michael K. Paschal '07** were married Aug. 15, 2008.

Christopher R. Williams '08 and Cassie A. Beamon were married Aug. 2. Christopher is the assistant manager at Southern Finance in Conway, S.C.

Friends

John Nasuti, an associate professor for the Department of Social Work at UNCW, died at age 61 on Dec. 31, 2008. He was a faculty member for 16 years.

Pat Hingle, an actor as well as a mentor to UNCW students, faculty and staff in the theatre and film studies departments, died at age 84 on Jan. 3, 2009. His life work included numerous movies, television shows and Broadway plays. Hingle founded the Pat Hingle Theatre Guest Artist Fund, a program that allows UNCW students to interact with actors and professionals visiting the Wilmington area.

Hingle

by Jessica Costanza '09

Keeping up with the Joneses

"Finding the career that you love and are passionate about is a process that takes time. So until you find the right path for you, enjoy the journey."

– Mike Jones

There aren't very many families with ties to UNC Wilmington who can keep up with the Joneses of Kenansville.

Since the early 1970s, 13 family members covering three generations have attended or graduated from UNCW.

Cora Jones, the eldest sister, was the first to brand herself as a Seahawk, graduating in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in education. It was Cora who sparked younger brother Mike's initial interest in UNCW. Although the university consisted of just three buildings, he developed a love for the campus while visiting his sister, one that inspired him to live on campus all four years he was enrolled.

"I enjoyed watching the campus evolve, knowing that this university was going places," Mike said, who graduated in 1990 with a degree in finance.

He credited the time he spent at UNCW to advancing many things including his social skills. "I was able to meet people from different backgrounds, teaching me to understand people's different points of view and diverse cultures," he said.

When Mike graduated, the family turned out for the ceremony and was featured in the *Wilmington Star-News*. When asked what secret she had to getting her children to attend college, mother Sarah Jones said she exerted no extra pressure on them, but did let them know she wanted them to achieve more than she had.

"We were all fortunate to have the support of our mother Sarah Faison Jones, who raised us on a seamstress's salary after our parents separated. She was truly the inspiration behind us all," Mike said.

She can definitely be proud of Mike.

He went on to earn an M.B.A. at Fayetteville State University and a J.D. from N.C. Central University, and he completed the executive education program at Harvard University. He is now the associate counsel on the corporate law team at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, practicing in the areas of employment law, nonprofit law, construction law and providing legal support and assistance to the diversity office at Blue Cross.

"I believe that the workforce today requires more interaction from people of diverse cultures, beliefs and backgrounds than ever before. The success of any business requires a diverse pool of talent that can bring new ideas, perspectives and views to the workplace," he said.

Supporting diversity efforts is not the only place his voice can be heard.

A member of the UNCW gospel choir, Mike also has sung with the Boston Community Choir, the Boston Pops Gospel Choir and the New England Conservatory Millennium Choir. This gave him the opportunity to perform with some of the music industry's top talents such as Mariah Carey, Jennifer Holiday, Richard Smallwood, Donald Lawrence, Marvin Winans and Willie Nelson. He even performed the National Anthem at a Boston Celtics game.

Mike urges students not to get discouraged if their first job after graduation is not the field they had chosen originally.

"Finding the career that you love and are passionate about is a process that takes time. So until you find the right path for you, enjoy the journey," said Mike.

Cora E. Jones '74 went on to earn three Master of Arts degrees from Fayetteville State University. She is a retired Pender County School administrator. Her daughter, **Malaika N. Jones-Wright '95**, is a community service coordinator for the N.C. Department of Community Corrections.

Thomasa Jones Hall Mathis '92 is a general math and Algebra I teacher at Eastern Wayne Middle School in Goldsboro. She also teaches pre-curriculum education of mathematics at Wayne Community College.

Tina E. Jones '88 works as a site director for Neuse Enterprises/Omega in Wallace, an adult development and vocational training program.

Carol Jones Wilson (not pictured) attended UNCW from 1985-86 before transferring to UNC Chapel Hill and earning a B.A. in economics. She earned her J.D. in 1994 from North Carolina Central University. She is district court judge in the 4th Judicial District, which includes Duplin, Jones, Onslow and Sampson counties.

Stanley F. Jones '99 earned an M.B.A. from Campbell University and is a project cost analyst at PPD in Wilmington. His wife, **Erica Smith Jones '96**, is a project manager for PPD.

Daryl L. Jones '93 is a sales management consultant for BB&T in Wilmington. He is pursuing a master's degree in Christian education. His wife, **Mary Louise Faison Jones '93**, is a recreation specialist with the City of Wilmington.

Glenda Wallace Collins '94 is the service coordinator for Children's Development Services in Greensboro.

Mike Jones graduated in 1990 with a degree in finance. He earned an M.B.A. at Fayetteville State University and a J.D. from N.C. Central University and completed the executive education program at Harvard University. He is now the associate counsel on the corporate law team at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Sarah Faison Jones is "the inspiration" behind the Jones' family's success.

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14 Summer Session I Classes Begin
15 North Carolina Symphony
25 Memorial Day • UNCW Office Closed

June
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6 Summer Nights Under the Stars • Grenoldo Frazier and Rhonda Bellamy
13 Summer Nights Under the Stars • Port City Trio
16 Summer Session I Ends
20 Summer Nights Under the Stars • Romantic Piano Music
27 Summer Nights Under the Stars • Schoolboys
23 Summer Session II Classes Begin

July
3 Fourth of July Holiday • UNCW Offices Closed
24 Summer Session II Ends

August
17 Convocation
19 Classes Begin

September
2 Involvement Carnival

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Spouse's employer (if UNCW grad)_____ Position_____

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Wilmington metal sculptor Dumay Gorham works on his latest piece, a copper Seahawk that will soar in front of Hoggard Hall on the University of North Carolina Wilmington campus. The sculpture, with a nearly 20-foot wingspan, is believed to be the world's largest Seahawk, or osprey, sculpture. Gorham is the son of Wilmington College alumni, **Louise '59 and Dumay Gorham '58** and the husband of **Megan Gorham '06M** who is a development director in the UNCW Division for University Advancement. The sculpture is a personal gift to UNCW from Charlotte philanthropist Irwin "Ike" Belk. No university or state funds were used for the project.

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Visit **www.uncw.edu** for a photo gallery and videos detailing the construction and installation of the statue.

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On the cover:
This group from UNCW traveled to India in May to study development and globalization. Pictured in front of Belur Temple in Hassan, Karnataka, are (back row) Bryan Braswell, professor Paige Tan, Allison McMurry and Charles Detoma; (middle row) Holly Howell, Autumn Beam, Cheryl Lowda and Adrienne McTigue; (front right) Emily Ball. Photo by Autumn Beam

Dear alumni and friends,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for the extraordinary support you generously give to UNCW. Alumni and friends serve as student mentors, board members and campus volunteers. You attend athletic events, alumni celebrations, arts exhibits, lectures and more. Your achievements reflect on UNCW, and we're proud to have you represent the university within your communities.

In 2008-09, donors like you provided UNCW with $7 million in gifts, despite the most difficult national economy in decades. Total gift commitments to the university exceeded $14 million, an 8 percent increase over the previous fiscal year. Thank you for the many ways in which you show us how much you care about UNCW. We are grateful for your commitment to the university, and we need your ongoing support, now more than ever before.

Last fiscal year, the university was required to return $12.3 million dollars of its state appropriations to Raleigh. This fiscal year, UNCW's total budget reduction exceeds $10 million. Add to that the financial markets' weak performance, which decreased our total endowment by close to 14.5 percent. As bad as that sounds, it could have been much worse. Endowment losses at universities across the nation ranged from 20 to 30 percent.

Times like these reveal a community's true character, and I'm so very proud to tell you that UNCW is rising to the challenge. These obstacles won't hold us down, because, like our beloved Seahawk, we simply must soar, as the news and features in this issue of *UNCW Magazine* clearly indicate.

UNCW excels through the achievements of our students (p. 4), student-athletes (p. 11); faculty and staff (p. 6-9) and alumni (p. 25-31). Our marine science research programs continue to receive remarkable federal support (p. 9). Innovative outreach efforts by the Cameron School of Business recently resulted in a gift valued at $1 million from Wilmingtonians David and Diane Swain (p. 20), and the school is developing a new entrepreneurship program (p. 16).

Creating the most powerful learning experience possible drives everything we do at UNCW. As wonderful as our campus is, we strongly encourage students to spend a few weeks away from Wilmington in a study-abroad program. Living and learning in another nation greatly enhances their education and often changes their lives (p. 13).

Thank you again for all you do for UNCW. Your dedication and commitment are invaluable. In supporting our students, you give their ideas wings, their dreams structure and their minds room to grow. I invite you to learn more about the impact scholarships make on their lives in a new video produced by the university, uncwtv.uncw.edu/video-scholarship_2009. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Homecoming, Jan. 29-31, 2010. I look forward to seeing you on campus for all sorts of Seahawk celebrations!

With best wishes,

Rosemary DePaolo

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo

85 percent participated in community service projects

28 percent in top 10 percent of class

75 percent led a high school organization

23 percent are UNCW legacies

93.5 percent live on campus

36 states & 22 countries

1,948 students

3.78 average high school GPA

86 counties in North Carolina

659 different high schools

72 percent played sports in high school

39 percent involved in performing arts

1168 average SAT, the highest in UNCW history

11 home schooled

most powerful learning experience

by Jesse Bazemore '10

In recent years, the University of North Carolina Wilmington has been included in some of the most respected national rankings of U.S. colleges and universities, and 2009 is no exception. This year, UNCW is again noted by *U.S.News & World Report*, *Princeton Review* and *Forbes* and highlighted for the first time by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* and *GI Jobs*.

"It is always gratifying to be included in such a prestigious group of universities. Our number one strategic goal is to provide our students with the most powerful learning experience possible," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo stated. "These rankings reflect the hard work of our faculty and staff to provide high-quality academics, a vibrant campus life, a safe and sustainable campus environment and a diverse, inclusive campus culture."

UNCW is ranked sixth among public master's institutions in the South by *U.S.News & World Report* for the second year in a row, making this the 12th consecutive year that UNCW is in the top 10. UNCW is 12th among 117 public and private universities in the South that provide a full range of undergraduate and graduate-level programs, up from 14 in 2008.

Additionally, UNCW is on *U.S.News and World Report*'s list of 16 "up-and-coming" master's universities in the South for the second straight year. UNCW received this recognition, because it has made the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus and facilities.

For six consecutive years, UNCW has been named one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast by the *Princeton Review*. According to Robert Franek, vice president of publishing for *Princeton Review*, "We chose UNC Wilmington and the other terrific schools we recommend as our 'regional best' colleges primarily for their excellent academic programs."

UNC Wilmington is ranked by *Forbes* in its listing of the Top 100 public universities in the nation. This is the second straight year that UNCW has been included on this list.

Edward B. Fiske wrote in the 2010 edition of the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* that, at UNCW, "students enjoy extensive undergraduate research opportunities, a slate of solid sciences and a close-knit community of like-minded individuals who like their modern academics mixed with a bit of old-fashioned Southern charm."

UNCW was also named to the 2010 list of Military Friendly Schools by *GI Jobs*. This list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that do the most to embrace military-affiliated students.

If the ocean could talk

While hundreds of UNC Wilmington students participate in annual beach sweeps, one student is exceeding expectations of being "environment-friendly."

As a liberal studies graduate student and office assistant in the Department of Chemistry, **Bonnie Monteleone** is researching the impact of plastic waste on marine life. Her final graduate project, in her own words, goes "beyond the physical harmful effects of marine life, such as entanglement and ingestion of plastics, and explores the chemical implications of plastics in the food chain."

The north Pacific gyre, which hosts a garbage patch the size of Texas, serves as a motivation in Monteleone's search for a solution. She was one of seven investigators who traveled to Bermuda this summer to see if a similar problem exists in the Atlantic gyre. In September, she was part of a team aboard the oceanographic research vessel *Alguita*, which took a 10-year retrospective voyage to study plastic pollution in the Pacific Ocean.

"The problem isn't about me," Monteleone said, "but it is about a serious global issue that I am part of at both ends of the spectrum. I helped create the problem and, hopefully, I will be a part of the solution."

She has been invited to Washington, D.C., to meet with an aide to N.C. Sen. Richard Burr, among others, to discuss potential health hazards associated with plastic marine debris.

Monteleone has surpassed her own expectations and created national awareness at the same time with coverage by National Public Radio, *National Geographic*, Google, the Wyland Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She also has created a video clip, available on YouTube, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MqQfJn1Z7o. Her adventures are posted on her blog at www.theplasticocean.blogspot.com.

Monteleone received the Staff Council Scholarship and the Ralph Brauer Award, a travel scholarship that helped finance her Bermuda research trip.

Kate Heaton '09

She's beauty and she's grace

Alexis Gonzalez couldn't put into words how it felt when her name was announced as ANTSO 2010 National Miss on Aug. 22 in Nashville, Tenn.

"It was a once in a lifetime experience, unique from all others," explained Alexis, a sophomore at UNCW majoring in criminology who has competed in 13 other pageants and won two state titles.

The annual America's National Teenager Scholarship Organization (ANTSO) pageant has divisions by age; Alexis competed in the category for contestants ages 19-25. During the six-day competition, she was judged on her academic achievement, school/community involvement, social and conversational skills and poise and personality in an evening gown. She had to answer a "get-to-know-you question" and participate in a personal expression category that required contestants to decorate a pair of jeans to show their individuality and creativity.

Gonzalez truly represented the Seahawks when she fashioned her UNCW-inspired jeans. She created them from T-shirts, backpacks, feathers (to symbolize Sammy the Seahawk) and many other UNCW objects.

"It was neat, because I got to tell the country about UNCW," she explained.

Pageants have been like stepping stones in Alexis's life. They created the pathway for her success and her first national title.

"I believe pageants develop a young lady as a whole – confidence, poise, public speaking skills – and provide connections and networking opportunities that can last a lifetime," she said.

In addition to the scholarship Alexis received to help pay for her tuition, she also gets the opportunity to travel to New York City, as well as the Virgin Islands.

Ashton Young '10

The youngest in her class

Being the only 15-year-old among other college juniors could be intimidating, but it does not faze **Julia Nepper**, the youngest student currently enrolled at UNCW.

Most of Julia's education was attained through homeschooling. She graduated from high school early while taking college-level courses and enrolled in Cape Fear Community College, earning her associate's degree by the age of 14. How was she able to attend college as a minor? Her father accompanied her to all of her classes at CFCC, but now that she is 15 at UNCW, she is able to be on her own. "The only rule is that I can't go in the dorms," she said.

The young marine biology major hopes to transfer to Dartmouth University next spring where she will pursue her Ph.D. to teach biology or evolution. At this rate, Julia will obtain her doctorate by the age of 21, when most students are receiving their bachelor's degree.

Julia foresees that she will "someday be a professor, travel around the world and do exciting things." Once she starts teaching, there is a good possibility that she will be younger than many of her own students.

Ashton Young '10

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"One of my former students had such a natural gift, every time she opened her mouth it would be like, 'Oh, this feels so good,'" said **Patricia Ainspac**, Department of Music vocal coach and accompanist. "And it's a different feeling when it's someone you've really had to work with. It's very exciting to see students grow."

Ainspac has taught at UNCW for 11 years. She always has known that accompanying and working just-to-the-side of the spotlight was where she belonged.

"I feel so grateful my life has turned out this way," said Ainspac, who was honored at a benefit alumni recital marking her 80th birthday in October. "One should never give up because it took me 50 years to get the life I always wanted."

It is this kind of passion and dedication to the craft she expects and often brings out in her students.

nurturing a passion for music

by J.J. Knight '11

"Without Pat, there would be no music, no art behind the song," said music education and vocal performance double-major Chelsea Timmons. She went on to say that when a singer and accompanist are working on a song and finally hit the groove "neither is pushing or pulling the other, they are caught up together, intertwined, making the song artistically and musically speak. I can only hope that I will do the same for my future students."

Nancy King, associate professor of voice, elaborated on Ainspac's role as accompanist and teacher.

"In effect, she helps to build the student's musicality, their ability to shape phrases and feel where the music is going," King said. "She ignites their imagination, to help fill the gap between singing the notes and feeling the song. Pat pushes these students all the time, to be the best version of themselves possible, to remain true to the music and to communicate with the audience."

King credits Ainspac with much of the success of the UNCW vocal program and values her as the greatest mentor of her career. King is not alone in these sentiments.

"When you walk into a coaching session with Pat, it feels like your life goes into hyper-speed," said Sophie Amelkin, music education major. "Her passion for music and knowledge of classical [vocal] literature is intimidating and inspiring all at once; her skill as an accompanist inspires me to pursue my piano skills further and to play for singers as beautifully as she. I am unbelievably grateful to have this opportunity to train with the best."

For Ainspac, she has done her job when a student's performance can move an audience to laughter or to tears; but for her and her students, that moment of gratification, when the music, the notes, the pitch, the inflection and the pronunciation meld together, happens before the night of the performance.

"When my students do something great, I get so excited. I tell them 'Oh my God, that was fabulous,'" Ainspac said mimicking a smoky, old Hollywood drawl that accentuated each syllable. And for students, these feelings of fabulousness are mutual.

UNCW/Jamie Moncrief

faculty and staff

Cathy Barlow is interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. She had served as dean of the Watson School of Education since 2000. Before coming to UNCW, she was dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences at the University of Evansville, Ind., and department chair and then interim dean at Morehead State University, Ky. Barlow received her Ed.D. from the University of Tulsa, M.A. from Ball State University and B.A. from Milligan College.

Mark Boren, professor of English, received the Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award and the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award.

Janie Canty-Mitchell, professor and associate dean for research and community partnerships in the School of Nursing, was one of 20 individuals nationwide selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. As part of the fellowship, Canty-Mitchell will design and execute a leadership project that addresses youth health issues in southeastern North Carolina.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo received a 2009 Woman of Achievement Award from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina and was named one of the state's exceptional women leaders by *NC Magazine*.

Clyde Edgerton, professor of creative writing, had his 2009 novel *The Bible Salesman* named as one of the "20 Tantalizing Beach Reads" in the July issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine*.

John Fischetti, professor of educational leadership; **Susan Ivancevich**, associate professor of accountancy and business law; **Jeanne Kemppainen**, professor of nursing; and **Scott Simmons**, associate professor of anthropology, were honored with Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards.

Yoko Kano, lecturer in foreign languages and literatures, and **Jennifer Myers**, lecturer in psychology, were awarded Lecturer of the Year Awards.

Amy Helen Kirschke, associate professor of art history and African American studies, received a 2009 YWCA Women of Achievement Award. The YWCA recognized Kirschke for originating courses in African American and African art at UNCW.

UNCW Media Production's series "The World at Large" was selected as a Silver Telly Award winner honoring excellence in local, regional and cable television. This is the second Silver Telly award for host **Raymonde Kleinberg**, associate professor of public and international affairs, and **Heidi Messina**, producer/director with UNCW TV.

Len Lecci, professor of psychology, received the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Sally MacKain, professor of psychology, was given the Graduate Mentor Award.

James McCann was named the director of the School of Nursing. McCann previously served as dean of the School of Nursing at Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wis. He received a Ph.D. from the Catholic School of America and holds a B.S.N. from Villanova and a M.S.N. from Case Western University.

Katherine Montwieler, professor of English, received a Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award.

Tom Puente, professor of psychology, received the Distinguished Faculty Scholarship Award.

Karen Wetherill was named the interim dean of the Watson School of Education. Wetherill, who served as associate dean of outreach, replaces Cathy Barlow, who stepped into the position of UNCW interim provost.

The Five Million Dollar Club recognizes faculty and staff who have secured external funding in excess of $5 million. **Troy Alphin**, professor of biology and marine science, and **Michael Mallin**, research professor at the Center for Marine Science, were inducted in the club for 2008-09.

The James F. Merritt Million Dollar Club award is presented to faculty and staff who received more than $1 million in external funding. This year's inductees were **Midori Albert**, associate professor of anthropology; **Scott Baker**, Sea Grant Fisheries specialist at the Center for Marine Science; **Rebecca Caldwell**, director of substance abuse and violence prevention; **Steve Demski**, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies; **Eric Patterson**, associate professor of computer science; **Karl Ricanek**, associate professor of computer science; **Pamela Seaton**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry; **Craig Tobias**, assistant professor of geography and geology; and **Amy Wilbur**, associate professor of biology and marine biology.

William Davis '08M

research

TAKING THE LEAD IN PROTECTING THE COAST

UNC Wilmington's Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program (CORMP) has taken the lead in a collaborative effort to protect coastal Carolina populations and resources.

Joining with the Carolinas Coastal Ocean Observing and Prediction System (Caro-COOPS) of South Carolina, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the University of South Carolina, UNCW's CORMP will guide the new network: Carolinas Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System (RCOOS).

This summer, RCOOS received $1.2 million from NOAA to oversee coordination of observing efforts between North and South Carolina. RCOOS partners install and maintain ocean monitoring buoys, pier stations and other observation platforms along the Carolina Coast, from the Outer Banks to just north of Hilton Head Island.

"The information provided by these systems is valuable to the National Weather Service, local emergency managers, lifeguards, mariners, fishermen, surfers and beachgoers," said Lynn Leonard, CORMP director and chair of UNCW's Department of Geography and Geology.

Steve Pfaff, warning coordination meteorologist with the Wilmington National Weather Service agrees. "The deployment of CORMP/RCOOS stations has helped the NWS with coastal waters, surf zone and coastal flooding forecasts as well as the monitoring of hurricanes or nor'easters moving through the area," he said. "In addition, some of the stations are used to verify our marine forecasts, allowing us to identify strengths and weaknesses in our forecast operations."

http://carolinasrcoos.org

NEW ACADEMIC JOURNAL FINDS HOME AT UNCW

Intellect, an academic publishing company based in Bristol, England, will open its first U.S. editorial office at UNCW.

Spearheaded by the Department of Film Studies, this partnership will offer unique opportunities for students and faculty, including the publication of a new undergraduate academic journal, *Film Matters*.

"UNCW will have one of the most dynamic scholarly presses in the arts housed on our campus. What a wonderful way to foster our collective goal of creating a powerful learning experience for our students," said Liza Palmer, UNCW's creative and fine arts librarian and co-editor of *Film Matters*.

As part of the agreement, Randall Library will receive subscriptions to Intellect's 64 journals and copies of all books published by Intellect from 2009 forward.

by Kim Proukou '06M

EXPLORING THE OCEAN DEPTHS

Few people realize corals are animals.

These versatile animals provide marine species with food, habitat and protection. For humans, they support important fishing and tourism industries and evidence an array of pharmaceutical potential.

"The deep water reefs are irreplaceable," said Steve Ross, research associate professor at UNCW, who has been investigating deep-sea topography and ecology since 1999, using advanced underwater technologies.

Now, as part of a five-year plan set by the new Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research and Technology, Ross and his team will focus on a 23,000-square-mile area – currently proposed for protection – stretching from North Carolina to Florida. They will explore shelf frontiers, do deep seafloor mapping and investigate vulnerable deep and shallow coral ecosystems.

"What we are finding is that we not only didn't know how much habitat was down there, but that there were a lot of hidden new species that nobody knew about," said Ross.

Ross lead an exploration cruise Aug. 6-17 to the *Lophelia* coral reefs located off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Fla. Here are a few excerpts from the team log:

Day 1 (Aug. 6): "Sandra Brooke and I cruise along the typical bottom of sand riddled with burrows and depressions, then suddenly the bottom goes straight up and the sides of this mound are covered in coral bushes. As we climb the mound the scenery becomes more rugged and diverse." – Steve Ross

Day 6 (Aug. 11): This day, the team log tells a little about the water and the amazing scenery of the Gulf Stream. Understanding the current at the bottom of the Gulf Stream will help Ross' team better understand dispersal and feeding strategies of deep water organisms.

Day 12 (Aug. 17): On the final day, there is more excitement. Researchers find a deepwater goosefish called *Sladenia shaefersi,* only the third one ever caught. Evidence suggests it may not be rare, but rather well hidden.

– The cruise was funded by the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration's Deep Sea Coral Science and Technology Program, United States Geological Survey, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Florida Atlantic University and North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences.

by Justin Davis '10

NEW FACILITY SUPPORTS BIOTECH

The National Institute of Standards and Technology awarded UNCW's Center for Marine Science $15 million for the construction of a facility that will be home to the Marine Biotechnology in North Carolina (MARBIONC) program.

The state-of-the-art, research-to-product development center will be built on the CMS campus near Myrtle Grove. Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2011. Announced in July 2009, the cost-share award represents 50 percent of the estimated $30 million construction cost.

Research and development areas that the facility will support include:

- Drug discovery to promote health and wellness
- Detection technologies for both human-induced pollutants and for marine biotoxins focusing on prevention, forecasting and event response
- Algae farming to further the development of biofuels and mariculture

"This facility will help us aggressively develop the next generation of biotechnology platforms and technologies, all based on marine resources and all employing the same financial models that serve the larger biotechnology sector," said Daniel Baden, director of CMS and executive principal for MARBIONC.

The 69,000-square-foot MARBIONC facility will house 12 laboratories, three large incubator laboratories for cultured research materials and office and meeting spaces.

This award is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

by Justin Davis '10

TEACHING TEACHERS TO TEACH HISTORY

Professors from the philosophy and religion and history departments will teach a series of workshops aimed at improving the level of historical literacy among the region's high school graduates.

The program, sponsored by a five-year, $1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, will educate high school history teachers from Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties about North Carolina history.

Diana Pasulka, associate professor of philosophy and religion and program coordinator, said studies have shown the best way to improve students' understanding of American history is to increase their teachers' knowledge of the subject. The 25 teachers enrolled in the program will receive a stipend for attending four of the six workshops offered by the university.

Pasulka said that she plans to present some of the workshops at the region's historic sites. With sites such as Fort Fisher, the Battleship North Carolina and Moore's Creek National Battlefield, southeastern North Carolina has a wealth of accessible historical heritage the program can incorporate. The workshops will include the history of contact between Native Americans and immigrant groups, colonial history, the writing of the Constitution and the history of biblical literalism, according to Pasulka.

In the future, Pasulka said she would like to see the program expand to other parts of the region.

"There's lots and lots of room for this kind of regional development," she said.

by William Davis '08M

teachingamericanhistorync.org

upcoming events

Athletic Hall of Fame induction

Jan. 30 in the Burney Center. A reception will be held at 11:30 a.m. with the induction ceremony and luncheon slated for noon.

For more information on tickets, please call 910.962.3236.

Dancing with the Wilmington Stars

is slated for Feb. 12, 2010.

Twelve community leaders and celebrities will show off their dancing skills as they raise money to benefit UNCW student-athletes.

For more information, contact UNCW athletics at 910.962.3571.

Fundraiser benefits scholarships

To raise funds for scholarships, the UNCW Athletics Department will give away a new 14-foot Edgewater (model 145 center console) with 50-horsepower four-stroke Yamaha outboard and EZ Loader trailer, courtesy of Atlantic Marine Sales.

The winner will be announced at a drawing during halftime of the Feb. 27 men's basketball game. Tickets are $25. More information can be obtained at 910.962.7297 or UNCWsports.com.

Behind the scenes with the Seahawks

UNCW Sports Extra, which features a unique behind-the-scenes look at Seahawk athletics, has a new home on The Learning Network.

In conjunction with UNCW Media Productions, the 30-minute show airs each Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. on TLN, Time Warner Cable Channel 5.

UNCW hosts NCAA women's golf championship

Recognizing a track record of excellence and quality that has become synonymous with The Landfall Tradition, the NCAA has awarded the 2010 NCAA Women's Golf Championships to UNC Wilmington and the Country Club of Landfall.

The 29th annual event will be staged May 18-21, 2010, on the Pete Dye Course at the Country Club of Landfall.

The 72-hole competition is expected to draw thousands of fans from across the state, region and country.

BASKETBALL PREVIE

With several returning veterans and an influx of new talent, the UNCW men's and women's basketball teams should provide plenty of thrills for Seahawk fans this year.

Following a season that included crippling injuries and other obstacles, coach Benny Moss and the Seahawks are looking forward to what 2009-10 brings, including a full complement of players to tackle the rigors of NCAA Division I play. The Seahawks approach an ambitious schedule with five seniors, six juniors, one sophomore and three freshmen.

UNCW returns with its top three scorers and a leading assist maker, including senior guard Johnny Wolf and junior stalwarts Dominque Lacy and Chad Tomko, who had surgery in early November to repair a stress fracture in his left foot.

Three transfer students – John Fields, Jeremy Basnight and Trevor Deloach – should compete for playing time with redshirt freshman Will Ohuaregbe. Rising senior Daniel Mercer was the club's most improved player last year, after making the team as a walk-on and contributing down the stretch.

Split evenly between home and away contests, the 10 men's basketball games will be shown on live television. UNCW and MASN reached an agreement two years ago to make the Baltimore-based network the official cable network of the Seahawks. Games also will be aired on ESPNU, ESPN Regional and Comcast SportsNet.

The women's basketball team could be primed for a big season as veteran coach Ann Hancock returns 11 of 12 letter winners from last year's squad, which posted a 16-15 overall record and finished fifth in the CAA with a 9-9 league mark.

Junior forward Brittany Blackwell will be counted on to lead the experienced Seahawks lineup following a sophomore campaign that saw her lead the team and rank among the top 10 in the league in scoring and rebounding. She was named a pre-season All-CAA selection for the second consecutive season.

UNCW/Jamie Moncrief

Also returning to the frontcourt is junior center Martha White. Juniors Treasure Johnson and Kelsy Reitz, sophomore Kristen Hanzer and redshirt freshmen Jessica Cohen and Theresa Jackson-Henderson also will be counted on to provide quality minutes up front.

Senior guard Greta Luksyte is the top returnee in a veteran backcourt, and fifth-year senior Candace Walker is back after a solid junior campaign. At the point, senior Whitney Simmons and junior Sheronda McLean are expected to split time once again at the one-guard position.

Hancock also welcomes a trio of talented newcomers into the fold this season, as in-state product Jessica Freeman joins Buckeye State natives Brittany Gamby and Mya Levels.

For the complete 2009-10 men's and women's basketball schedules as well as television appearances, visit **www.uncwsports.com**.

Soccer teams CAA champions

Men's

Junior Nassim Berhouni broke a scoreless deadlock with 3:36 remaining in regulation to lift top seeded UNCW past number three Northeastern, 1-0, in the Colonial Athletic Association men's soccer championship Nov. 15 at the UNCW Soccer Stadium.

The win gave the Seahawks (14-2-4) their first ever CAA championship and berth in the NCAA tournament. The Huskies dropped to 10-8-1 on the season after reaching the conference championship for the second time in as many seasons.

The victory for UNCW also extended their unbeaten streak to 13 and tied the school record for wins with 14. The Seahawks also improved to 10-0-2 at the UNCW Soccer Stadium.

Aidan Heaney was named CAA Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season and was selected the South Atlantic Region Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Women's

Sophomore midfielder Erin Pardini converted a penalty kick opportunity in the 80th minute to give third-seeded UNCW a 1-0 victory over fourth-seeded James Madison in the 2009 CAA women's soccer championship game on Nov. 8.

The Seahawks captured their first CAA championship as they improved to 13-7-1 overall with the victory and extended their winning streak to five games. The win also tied the program's single-season record for victories, established during the 2006 campaign.

More importantly, the victory guaranteed UNCW its first appearance in the NCAA tournament as it earned the league's automatic bid into the 64-team field by winning the championship.

"This is a great feeling," said coach Paul Cairney. "The girls played a great team game, and they deserved to win. Give JMU credit, they put us under tremendous pressure in the first half, and we did well to defend and keep them off the scoreboard. We made some adjustments at halftime and were able to generate some offense pressure that led to the game-winning penalty kick."

It was the second consecutive game-winning goal for Pardini, who was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player for her efforts. She and freshman keeper Caitlin Hunter were named to the all-tournament team along with senior Brittany Croce and freshman Lindsay Henry.

Seahawks named to CAA silver anniversary teams

Eleven Seahawks were named to Colonial Athletic Association silver anniversary teams as part of the league's 25th anniversary celebration in 2009-10.

In men's basketball, Brian Rowsom, Brett Blizzard and John Goldsberry – three players synonymous with hoops success at UNCW – were honored.

Seven swimmers and divers also were recognized: Kate Milling and Adrienne Sutton on the women's team and Dean Berman, Adam Brenneman, Burak Erdem, Dan Gallagher and Don Hosier on the men's team.

Midfielder/forward Kelly Renkin represented the women's soccer program on the CAA's squad.

Other teams will be announced as the year progresses: a total of 21 championship sports will be recognized. The teams are selected by a panel of current and former head coaches in the conference.

Autumn Bean

Students at the Association for Promoting Social Action Dream School, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

Transforming lives... one international experience at a time

by Autumn Beam '10

Taking the final steps into the airplane that would fly her nearly 10,000 miles away from home, UNCW junior Stephanie Allen recalled memories of sitting at home and telling her mom with no uncertainty, "I am going to Australia one day."

Allen, a 20-year-old business major, took advantage of one of more than 300 study abroad programs offered by the UNCW Office of International Programs. Despite a nationwide economic downturn, Allen and more than 500 other students participated in long and short-term study abroad programs coordinated through the university last year.

The 526 students who studied abroad and the 268 international students who studied at UNCW this school year helped to fulfill the university's fourth strategic goal: "to create an educational environment that prepares our students to be global citizens." The Office of International Programs is the key facilitator of this goal by sending students abroad, taking in international students, developing cultural events and supporting international initiatives of faculty and staff.

"Studying abroad is the single most transformative experience a student can have," said Denise DiPuccio, assistant provost of international programs. For UNCW students, these transformative experiences can include semester-long programs, working abroad, volunteering abroad and participating in the International MBA program (IMBA) for graduate students in the Cameron School of Business.

Nathan Hingten '08 landed his dream job, thanks to his undergraduate experience studying abroad and the suggestion of a dedicated professor. In September, Hingten traveled to Spain to teach high school English as part of a program through the Spanish Ministry of Education. Not only is he teaching English and American culture, Hingten also will have the opportunity to learn about Spanish culture.

"I feel I am prepared to work abroad. My experiences in Ecuador and Nicaragua were incredible and inspired me to continue my travels abroad. The Office of International Programs and UNCW have done an excellent job preparing me for this job," he said.

John Hall, a graduate student in the IMBA program, chose to attend UNCW specifically for the international study opportunities granted through the program. As a student in the IMBA program, Hall spent one semester at UNCW studying core business classes and another semester in London honing his international business skills.

"Studying abroad has been the best experience of my life. I love the city of London and all of the culture and diversity it offers. My exposure to a different culture and a new way of living has been just as important as the classes I am taking in school," said Hall. After graduation, Hall plans to use the international experience he gained in the program to work in the retail industry with a company abroad.

Faculty are also a large part of creating an international community on campus. "Our mission involves the faculty. They are essential to creating global citizens," said DiPuccio.

Paige Tan, assistant professor of public and international affairs, took a group of five undergraduates and three graduate students to southern India in May to study development and globalization. Tan joined UNCW in 2003 with a mission to develop international initiatives within the department. In addition to the study abroad class to India, she also has developed the Model UN Club, Model UN class and seven internationally focused classes.

In order to plan the class and make vital connections and relationships, Tan traveled to India in 2008 with help from the Office of International Programs and her department.

"The India group was the first group that I've taken overseas, but I love planning trips, always have. During my first trip to southeast Asia, I had a 20-page itinerary typed out that I had developed from reading guidebooks," said Tan. While in India, the group learned about the country through activities such as visits to a non-governmental organization for the urban poor, speaking with environmental activists at Greenpeace India, spending time at a working girls hostel and participating in a discussion about gender at a university.

Studying abroad allows students to "see a different culture; learn about other countries' politics, economics, society, history, art and architecture; develop critical thinking skills; learn to operate outside their comfort zone and problem-solve; and challenge themselves with new and difficult experiences," said Tan.

Aside from gaining these lasting skills, Tan said she hopes the trip will be a fond memory of the students forever and that their experience abroad will embolden them to go to new places and do new things.

Do you want to get involved with the international community at UNCW? The Office of International Programs suggests:

- **Participating in the 17th Annual Intercultural Week Feb. 15-20, 2010**
- **Becoming a conversation partner for an ESL student**
- **Hosting an international student**
- **Contributing to an education abroad scholarship**

Contact Denise DiPuccio at dipucciod@uncw.edu for more information

Young ladies from the Nirmal Jyothi Technical Training Institute, Bangalore, India

Monkey at Nagarahole Park, Karnatak

This past May, I packed up my bags, slung my camera over my shoulder and headed to southern India with Paige Tan and seven other students.

After studying all semester in a class on development and globalization in the country, I thought I would be prepared. Once we arrived, I realized that no amount of preparation would have readied me for the overwhelming assault on all five of my senses. I had stepped into a world of poverty with children begging on the streets, a world without running water and electricity for 70 percent of its people, and a world lacking the means to support an exploding population. But at the same time, I was stepping into a world that I knew would change me forever. My trip to India wasn't just about sightseeing, although I did plenty; it was about experiencing a new culture and learning just how big our world really is.

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Devaraj market, Mysore, India

Emily Ball, Autumn Beam and Holly Howell with a guide outside Nagarahole Park, Karnataka, India.

Meredith Sullivan '01 and Kristen Beckmeyer '01

feeding the insanity:

CSB bridges the entrepreneurship gap

All entrepreneurs must be slightly crazy. Armed with little more than a passion for innovation and a limited cash flow, these trailblazing adrenaline junkies dive into the unknowns of business-building with both feet – an illogic that has kept our economy moving for hundreds of years and may be the savior of our financial future.

by Joy Davis '07

Entrepreneurship doesn't just pay off for business owners. It pays off for all of us – with new jobs, new technology and economic growth. Every big business – even local giants like PPD – began as a "start-up" company. According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses generate 60 to 80 percent of new jobs annually.

For this reason, UNC Wilmington is in the business of making entrepreneurship work. With a new academic major, the new Entrepreneurship Center and other initiatives that support entrepreneurship, UNCW is paving the way for successful business owners in Southeastern North Carolina and beyond.

Giving young visionaries building blocks

When **Kristen Beckmeyer '01** enrolled at UNCW in 1997, there was no entrepreneurship major at UNCW. Now the successful co-owner of Wilmington's Coastal Cupcakes, Beckmeyer said she took every course she could find related to business development, but she is "envious of the students who are in the CSB (Cameron School of Business) now. We were given many opportunities when I was at UNCW, but their options are endless with the new major."

When the Entrepreneurship and Business Development (EBD) major was established in 2006, it was the much-anticipated icing on the cake – an added layer to CSB that Steve Harper, Progress Energy/Betty Cameron Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship, said came at the perfect time because "the world is changing.

"Most of our students' grandparents spent their careers with one company. There was security in committing to one job until retirement. But now our students recognize they will have more than one career in their lives, and if they want to work for a company that they love, they may have to build it themselves."

Eager to drive their own destinies (and to write their own paychecks), students have made EBD one of the fastest-growing majors on campus.

Students mingle with seasoned and emerging business owners via events of the Entrepreneurship Club, the annual CSB Business Week, the Entrepreneurs' Roundtable networking group and "real world" experiences like job shadowing and internships.

Each is required to prepare a comprehensive business plan for a potential business company or venture. While the plan is meant to be based on a theoretical company, some students turn their classroom ideas into reality.

Student body vice president **Charlie Soden** decided to try his hand at entrepreneurship two summers before he began his plan by learning the business of deck and fence restoration. He bought the tools, hired the help and was soon making a profit with his company Apex Deck Savers.

"After I developed my plan, the quality of my customers went up. We were booked for weeks over the summer.

"This program teaches you a mindset more than a skill set – to keep your eyes open for opportunities, to foster, sow and reap. It sounds strange, but I now feel excited about the challenges I will face. They make me want to work that much harder," he said.

Paving the way for local entrepreneurs

One of the greatest obstacles for entrepreneurs like Soden is the Catch-22 of the current recession: experts note that the world needs start-up companies to resuscitate the failing economy, but it can be nearly impossible for an entrepreneur to establish a credit line and add customers during an economic slump.

Business innovators need support in order to survive. What better place to gain that support than in the nurturing environment of UNCW?

Launched in spring 2009, the Entrepreneurship Center invites local high-growth entrepreneurs to network, collaborate and expand their horizons in partnership with UNCW. Entrepreneurs aiming to expand their businesses can become members of the center, gaining access to educational opportunities, mentor relationships, the support of a family of entrepreneurs and more.

Center director Jonathan Rowe said, "Our coastal setting is appealing to business owners. We have new entrepreneurs moving here constantly. But in the past, our business community has been fragmented and that has restricted growth potential. We want UNCW to be the driving force that links the pieces together."

The center is already changing lives.

Schedulefly owner **Wes Aiken '98** e-mailed restaurant guru **Becky O'Daniell '86** for more than a year about his online employee scheduling software without a reply.

"I was just another salesman filling up her inbox," said Aiken.

It was not until Aiken and O'Daniell met face-to-face at a center networking event that she realized the potential of his product.

"Meeting with someone in-person gives you a definite advantage. Becky became fired up about Schedulefly once I got to explain it to her," he said.

Aiken said that since meeting O'Daniell, she has become an unofficial ambassador for his business. In the past year, the company's sales have grown by 500 percent. Elijah's, Macaroni Grille and Planet Hollywood are a sampling of the numerous Schedulefly clients.

"Thanks to the center, we now have a reputation speaking for us and giving us advice on how to grow. When someone like Becky talks about your business, people listen," said Aiken.

Keeping the wheels of business in motion

By actively aiding the entrepreneurship community, the center supports the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce's Cape Fear Future initiative, which focuses on keeping up with globalization and remaining competitive with other cities vying for workers in high-growth industries such as biotechnology.

Building the area's base of strong entrepreneurs not only helps ensure the growth of Southeastern N.C., it also opens the doors for powerful student learning experiences via mentorships and other avenues. While the future of the global economy still remains a mystery, one thing is certain – UNCW will never stop working to keep the wheels of business in motion.

To learn more about Entrepreneurship Center membership, visit http://uncwec.org.

Heating things up with the UNCW Cameron School of Business (CSB)

Kristen Beckmeyer '01 and **Meredith Sullivan '01** shared a passion for enterprise during their time in CSB. They often talked about their dream of owning a business together, but they went their separate ways after college to pursue careers in the sports industry. While living in Washington, D.C., Sullivan noticed several profit-making cupcake shops and told Beckmeyer, "This is our chance." Within four months, Sullivan moved, the duo learned how to bake, found a storefront in downtown Wilmington and began serving up Coastal Cupcakes.

Blending internships into the mix

Both of the "cupcake girls" tapped into the experience and networking opportunities of internships while at UNCW – Beckmeyer with Wilmington Hammerheads Soccer, Sullivan with UNCW athletics. Beckmeyer said these internships "proved to be invaluable. Word of mouth from our internship contacts helped keep our business afloat the first month."

Adding a dash of CSB mentorships

Having their own business opened the door for Beckmeyer and Sullivan to give back to UNCW in a new way – through mentorship. The duo returned to their alma mater to share advice to the Entrepreneurship Club and other groups. "It feels so good to come back here and help UNCW," said Sullivan.

Cooking up growth with the UNCW Entrepreneurship Center

While at a UNCW event, the cupcake girls met Jonathan Rowe, who thought they would be a perfect fit for the proposed center. Beckmeyer said they jumped at the opportunity to join because "one of the best ways to grow as an entrepreneur is to learn from others. We don't have the chance to bump into these business vets in our daily lives of taking out the trash and staying up all hours trying to make payroll, but the Entrepreneurship Center is changing that."

Savoring the guidance of veteran businessman Bob Rippy

When Beckmeyer and Sullivan began to explore the possibility of expanding Coastal Cupcakes, they knew they needed assistance. At a center event, the duo mingled with veteran business owners, including Jungle Rapids president Robert Rippy. He encouraged them to open a second location at Wrightsville Beach and do more with less. Sullivan said, "We thought we needed to take out some big loans, but he challenged us to do it for a lot less, and he was right, we saved tens of thousands of dollars. Now sales in both locations are great!"

Topping off the cupcake with UNCW student employees

With the added support of the center and mentors like Rippy, Coastal Cupcakes has been able to hire five UNCW students and an intern from CSB. Beckmeyer said, "It feels amazing to inspire other UNCW students and provide jobs in this place we love so much." Sullivan agreed, "We have come full circle, and I can't wait to see where this crazy dream will take us next."

www.coastalcupcakes.com

Hearts of teal

With 35 years of experience in commercial real estate development and management, **H. David Swain** has a keen head for business, but his heart inspired him and wife Diane to help UNCW during the toughest economic downturn in decades by making a gift valued at $1 million.

"There are other colleges and universities, but my heart and soul are right here," Swain said. "We feel like education is the key to everyone's opportunities in life, and UNCW is the heart of the education program in eastern North Carolina."

The Swains planned to make an anonymous gift to support Cameron School of Business (CSB) and its economic research and business development outreach services, but Dean Larry Clark persuaded them to reconsider.

"I asked David and Diane to let me leverage their name," he said. "David's handshake and personal word are among the best guarantees one can receive in business. A Swain deal is a done deal – with class."

In appreciation for the couple's support, the university has named the H. David and Diane Swain Center for Business and Economic Services in their honor.

Their confidence in the benefits of education comes from David's grandmother and mother, both excellent students who attended college during an era when few women pursued higher education. His mother, a guidance counselor at the high school David and Diane attended, inspired both of them to attend college. David graduated from UNC Chapel Hill and Diane from Meredith College.

The Swains discovered UNCW when their children, Jason and Meredith, attended programs on campus while in high school. Although they graduated from other universities, both have returned to UNCW for specific courses to further their careers.

As community leaders, David and Diane liked what they saw at UNCW. They became involved as volunteers and donors, supporting a scholarship fund to benefit the children of New Hanover County employees. David served on several boards, including as chair of the Board of Visitors and member of the Cameron School of Business Executive Advisory Board.

David, founder of Swain & Associates, a real estate services firm based in Wilmington, especially appreciated the Cameron School's commitment to involving experienced business executives as program advisors and student mentors.

"One of the CSB's greatest successes has been its ability to attract our community's active and retired business executives to get involved in all facets of the school's operation. The CSB utilizes the insight and experience of successful leaders to afford students 'hands-on' learning opportunities that, in turn, strengthen the school's curriculum," Swain said.

GIVING TO UNCW = A SOUND INVESTMENT

The Swains' gift reflects their personal commitment to UNCW and its mission. Those reasons inspired donors across the United States to give more than $300 billion to charities in 2008, despite the national recession, according to Giving USA (2009).

Although giving decreased by 2 percent nationally compared to the previous year, Americans remained generous. Charitable contributions accounted for more than 2 percent of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2008, Giving USA reported.

UNCW donors contributed $7 million to the university during fiscal year 2008-09 despite the economy, and their total gift commitments, including pledges and planned gifts, exceeded $14 million, an 8 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

The Swains' gift to UNCW is an investment in their community and its future.

"There's no doubt that as a businessman, I'm looking to get the biggest bang for my bucks," Swain said. "I'm getting it right here at UNCW."

From partnerships with students and faculty, to forecasting the economy, hosting the North Carolina Entrepreneurship Summit in 2010, and providing training for the region's workforce, the H. David and Diane Swain Center for Business and Economic Services places extraordinary emphasis on reaching out into the private and business community to meet the needs of North Carolina, according to Director William "Bill" Sackley.

"The H. David and Diane Swain Center for Business and Economic Services has nearly a 30-year history on the UNCW campus. For many of those years, its focus was to provide research services centered on the collection and analysis of regional economic data," Sackley said. "More recently, we've embraced our mission as the outreach leader of the Cameron School of Business, leveraging the efforts of our students and faculty to foster economic development within a wide constituency."

INSPIRING MORE SUPPORT FOR UNCW

The Swains hope their gift serves as a catalyst for more donors to invest in the university.

"UNCW has the platform to mold the brightest minds of our next generation, but can only do so with the financial support of those who believe in its promise," Swain said. "Diane and I are great believers in the university and hope our gift will inspire other business people to support UNCW financially."

Their support, especially during an economic downturn, is invaluable, according to Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

"In a time of shrinking state budgets, philanthropic gifts such as theirs empower the university to continue providing students with the most powerful learning experience possible," she said. "They are wonderful role models and friends who have made our campus and community much better places to live, work and learn."

by Andrea Weaver

Dedicated to endowing UNCW's future

by Andrea Weaver

When W. Carter Mebane III joined the UNCW Endowment Board, the university had less than $5 million to invest in its future. Now, 30 years later, UNCW's endowment is valued at $48.9 million despite the global economic downturn.

"We've come out pretty well," he said. "I think that's one of the reasons I feel comfortable stepping down in these aggravating times. The stock markets are going to go sideways for a few years, and I think UNCW may need people younger than me who are more creative and may be able to figure out the best ways to respond."

A creative approach to managing money marked Mebane's service on the Endowment Board. When Mebane, a stockbroker, joined the board, UNCW managed many individual accounts, limiting investment options. By consolidating the funds into a larger fund, the board and university leaders increased returns.

"We thought if we could get returns up, people would be more interested in giving money," he said.

Mebane, father of William C. "Billy" Mebane '05, is proud of two other board achievements. First, the university's endowment performance frequently has earned high rankings from a national association for collegiate business officers. Second, after careful research, the board voted to invest significant assets with UNC Management Company Inc., an organization that manages endowments for UNC Chapel Hill and other schools in the university system. The company's returns consistently outperform national standards.

"Carter has been an important member of the Endowment Board," said Mary M. Gornto, vice chancellor for university advancement. "His commitment, dedication and vision have positioned UNCW to keep soaring far into the future."

Mebane credited his board colleagues, especially the investment committee, as well as the chancellors, vice chancellors and staff he worked with over the years. As the son of a founder of Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, he served on the board for decades because "the university has meant so much to this community."

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1 Bob Potts '54 shows off his cheerleading team photo to Kim Gargiulo, assistant director of reunion programming, as they look through old *Fledgling* yearbooks.

2 UNC Wilmington Alumni Association hosted a Golden Wing Society reunion during Family and Alumni Weekend in October. Wilmington College graduates from 1947-59 enjoyed a brunch and visit with fellow alums before a guided trolley tour of the UNCW campus.

3 During the Wise Alumni House Centennial Celebration, Mayor Bill Saffo '83 proclaimed Nov. 7 Wise Alumni House Day for the city of Wilmington, and a plaque designating the house as a Wilmington landmark was unveiled.

4 Dianne Wiley and Nicole Carruth pose with Sammy C. Hawk during the family weekend picnic at UNC Wilmington on the campus commons.

Photos by Jason Meyer-Land, Jason Barnett

Additional photos of alumni events can be viewed at
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A Model A Ford sits in the carport of the Wise Alumni House as guests gathered to celebrate the building's centennial anniversary.

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1950s

Robert (Bob) R. Dobo Sr. '50 passed away July 14, 2009. One of the UNCW science buildings on campus, Dobo Hall, is named after him and his brother **Gabriel W. Dobo '51.**

Estell Carter Harrelson '55 was honored on Oct. 23, 2008, at a reception at UNCW's Kenan House for the Wilmington Society, which recognizes individuals, corporations or foundations with cumulative giving records of $100,000 or more, demonstrating exceptional service to the well-being of the university.

Harry M. Hallman Jr. '56 resigned as mayor of Mount Pleasant, N.C., on May 13, 2009.

1960s

Anne McCrary Sullivan '68 wrote a book of poems titled, *Ecology II: Throat Song from the Everglades*. Anne is a master naturalist who has been poet-in-residence in Everglades National Park and in Big Cypress National Preserve. She is also professor of interdisciplinary studies in the Department of Integrated Studies in Teaching, Technology and Inquiry at National-Louis University, Tampa, Fla.

Mary Gaddy '69 retired from teaching after 41 years at Sunset Park Elementary School.

Gretta Scott Holt '69 published her first children's book *The Reindeer Who Was Afraid to Fly* in December 2008. She is currently working on another children's book and novel.

1970s

John F. Phillips '70 and his wife, Connie, were honored at an event for the Wilmington Society, which recognizes individuals, corporations or foundations with cumulative giving records of $100,000 or more, demonstrating exceptional service to the well-being of the university.

Drusilla Farrar '73 retired Sept. 30 from New Hanover County Schools where she taught elementary general music for 35 years. She has been a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1988. She plans to travel and spend more time with her family which includes a second granddaughter expected in January.

Norm Melton '74 received the Lifetime Achievement in Marketing Education Award from the North Carolina Marketing Educators' Association in December 2008. Norm retired after 29 years as marketing teacher and DECA advisor at North Brunswick High School.

Pamela Haddock '76 had an exhibit at Swain County Center for the Arts in Bryson City during August and September 2009, which displayed 30 of the artist's watercolor landscape scenes of western North Carolina.

Carol Moore '77 is a clinical assistant professor for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Carol earned her medical degree at ECU and is a reservist in the U.S. Naval Medical Corps.

Diane Hause '78 is a self-employed artist. Her Web site is www.haustudio.com.

Carson D. Hilburn '78 is the senior wastewater operator for Perdue Farms in Parksley, Va., and received the South Carolina Grade B biological wastewater operations license.

Patricio Morillo '78 is the vice president of Pacific Coast Bankers' Bancshares, which recently expanded to the East Coast.

Wanda Moore Cecil '79 and her husband Richard celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on July 21, 2009.

Terri K. Hathaway '79, a North Carolina Sea Grant's marine education specialist, received the 2009 Volunteer of the Year award from the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

Keith E. Hedrick '79 is a senior internal auditor with Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. He resides in Williamstown, N.J.

Greta A. Lint '79 was awarded first place from the N.C. Press Club and third place from the National Federation of Press Women for a media kit and media preview she wrote and produced in 2008 for the Statesville Crossroads Pumpkin Fest. She was recognized as a 2009 Mover and Shaker by *Business Leader* magazine. (photo)

1980s

David D. Moore '80 is the curator of Nautical Archaeology at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. David was the principal investigator on the *Henrietta Marie* project (the first slave shipwreck to be seriously studied in North America) and is directing and recording efforts of the *Queen Anne's Revenge* (believed to be Blackbeard's flagship).

Pamela Whitlock '80, '87M was awarded the 2009 National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes members of NCURA for sustained and distinctive contributions to the organization.

James C. Burke '82, '01M earned a Ph.D. in geography as well as a certificate in historic preservation in December 2008 from the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Becky Simmons Henry '83 passed away May 3, 2009.

Col. Darrell Thacker Jr. '83 relinquished command of the Marine Corps Air Station New River in July 2009. He is now a trainer with the Joint Warfighting Center in Suffolk, Va.

Robert P. Divoky '84 opened his own transportation brokerage firm, HBC Inc. The company arranges the coast-to-coast transport of produce to wholesale markets in the Northeast.

Dan Dunlop '84 is president of Jennings, a branding and advertising agency in Chapel Hill, and was named marketing impact leader by *Business Leader* magazine.

Helen Matthews Parrish '84 and her husband Jeffrey announce the birth of their grandson, Nicholas Parrish, on Oct. 16, 2008.

Lee Philips '84 is the captain of *The Peace Maker*, a 150-foot sailboat that docked on the Wilmington riverfront in March 2009.

Richelle Dombroski '84 was a 2009 YWCA Women of Achievement recipient at the 25th Annual Women of Achievement Awards on May 22.

Col. Harry E. McClaren '85 is vice president of aerial operations for Erickson Air-Crane, a global company operating a fleet of S-64 E/F helicopters involved in aerial firefighting, heavy lift construction and heli-logging.

Jeff Howe '85M had his book, *Buzz Bradley and the Invisible Fort*, published by Llumina Press in October 2008 and is working on the second book in the series, *Buzz Bradley and the Green River Ooze*. He resides in Vero Beach, Fla., with his wife Sandy and two daughters, Laura and Carly.

Thomas M. Ely '86 received a Master of Health Administration degree from Pfeiffer University in May 2009. He is a strategic services associate with Duke University Health System.

James C. Dean '87, '91 was appointed Wilmington Central Rotary president elect for 2009. He was chairman of the New Hanover County Republican Party for 2006-09.

Brian Rowsom '87, former UNCW basketball standout, was inducted into the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame. Brian coaches a professional league basketball team in Qatar.

Terry Schappert '88 takes History Channel viewers on an action-packed journey as he experiences the training, rituals and weapons of history's most notable warrior cultures in the 10-part series, *Warriors*, which premiered in March 2009. A Green Beret, Schappert served in the military for 17 years, most recently in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

John M. Pate '89M died unexpectedly on July 7, 2009.

Laura Wright '89 received her Master of Public Health degree in epidemiology from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va.

Steve Vernon '89 portrayed William Shakespeare's knight in *The Merry Wives of Windsor* in June 2009 at Greenfield Lake Amphitheater in Wilmington.

1990s

Rachel Crawford '90 and husband Huaira are raising money for their nonprofit Amarun Organization that works to provide educational opportunities for young people in the Amazon rainforest of Ecuador. Rachel wishes to establish a summer camp for Ecuadorian Amazon kids, teaching them to appreciate their environment.

Paul D. Knott '90 is a managing partner with Old North State Wealth Management, a wealth and tax advisory firm in Wilmington.

Melody R. Townsend '90 is a nursing student at Polk State College. She is the president of Townsend & Company PA and resides in Plant City, Fla.

Swimmer **Brian Barndt '91** collected three silver medals and one bronze at the 2009 World Transplant Games in Brisbane, Australia. Brian, who survived a heart transplant four years ago, was one of 80 athletes representing the United States.

Charles C. Highsmith Jr. '91M was named chief executive officer for Bladen County Hospital, after serving as chief executive at St. Luke's Hospital in Columbus, N.C., for 16 years.

Shanda Williams Bordeaux '92 is the registrar at Wilmington Christian Academy and will be coordinating events for the school's 40th anniversary in 2009-10. She is a former chairman of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors and currently serves as vice president on the Seahawk Club Board of Directors.

Ken Lemon '92 is the Gaston Bureau reporter/photographer with the Channel 9 Eyewitness News team.

William "Bill" McLean '92 is the assistant women's rowing team coach at Southern Methodist University and is pursuing a master's degree in higher education.

David Johnson '93 was promoted to branch director for the KRAFT Family YMCA in Holly Springs.

Mike Arnold '93, '99M is the deputy policy director for N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue. He lives with his wife, **Kimberly Wood Arnold '95**, and two children, Austin and Cameron, in Wake Forest.

Benjamin R. Nigro '93 graduated from Niagara University with a Master of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies in May 2009.

Angela Bragaw '94 and Jonathon Hamer were married Sept. 27, 2008. Angela is the assistant principal at L.C. Bird High School in the Chesterfield County (Va.) Public School System.

James W. McGee '94 joined 1800DWILaws.com, a national association of drunk driving defense attorneys. McGee Law Firm defends clients in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. He is certified in standardized field sobriety testing and successfully completed the master's of scientific evidence course.

Robin Tisinger Pollock '94 is enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at NC State University.

Sandra Pollock Salinero '94 earned a master's degree in information management and technology from Capella University in 2004 and is working on her Ph.D. Sandra expects to retire from the Army in October 2010.

Emy Calderone '95 is the director of student services for Lexington City Schools and is leading the initiative to make reading the number one institutional priority.

Roger Clodfelter '95 was promoted to assistant vice president at High Point University.

Anne Minard '95 was one of the five journalists selected as 2009-10 Ted Scripps Fellows in Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado Boulder. The nine-month program offers mid-career journalists an opportunity to deepen their understanding of environmental issues and policy through coursework, seminars and field trips in the region.

Damien L. Tucker '95 and his wife Chandra announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Isaiah, on March 26, 2009.

Stephanie D. Banton '96 and her husband Richard announce the birth of their daughter, Jamison Grace, on Jan. 1, 2008. Jamison joins sister Maya, 3.

Allison Morris Dacus '96 and her husband Charles announce the birth of their second son, Mason, on July 18, 2009, the couple's sixth wedding anniversary.

Sarah Britton Ruiz '96, '96M is the 2009-10 Parent Teacher Association president at Supply Elementary School.

Terry Sullivan '96 is campaign manager for the 2010 Kay Bailey Hutchison governor's campaign in Texas. Terry is the managing partner for First Tuesday Strategies, a political consulting firm, and On The Mark, a direct mail firm. Terry is also co-founder of UnderThePowerLines, a political Web firm.

William B. Cooley Jr. '97 is vice president and special assets manager for New Century Bank in Dunn.

Rusty Kling '97 is a wealth manager and marketing director with Old North State Wealth Management.

Jan Mann '97 is the women's golf coach at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Holly E. Minges '97 and Andrew Nicholson were married May 16, 2009. (photo)

Leslie Ashburn-Nardo '97M presented the 2009 Sydney Berger Lecture, "Speaking Out about Prejudice," in March 2009 at the University of Southern Indiana.

Cherilyn Arnott '97 and James Parlaman were married March 21, 2009. Cherilyn is an associate commissioner with the Social Security Administration.

Brad Sullivan '97 and Ramona Johnson were married Nov. 1, 2008.

Wes Aiken '98, the owner of Schedulefly, was the emerging company winner in the 2009 Coastal Entrepreneur Awards. He was featured in the May 1-14, 2009, edition of the *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*. Wes designed the online employee-scheduling application called Schedulefly to improve operational efficiency by reducing time and effort spent on managing work schedules.

Davey Beauchamp '98 is a young adult librarian with the Lexington Library, making a name for himself as a nationally known science fiction writer. He spearheaded *Writers for Relief*, which produced a 212 page science fiction anthology with proceeds benefiting Hurricane Katrina victims. He has also published *Agency 32: The Chelton Affair* and was commissioned to write a rock opera based on the fairy tale of Bluebeard. He is working on *The Amazing Pulp Adventures, Starring Mister Adventure*.

Kristin Feccia Behm '98 and her husband Christopher announce the birth of their daughter, Emery Amelia, on Jan. 14, 2009.

Catherine Tillman '98 and André John Brown were married Aug. 8, 2009. They reside in Raleigh, where Catherine (Kate) is a commercial developer with Commercial Properties Inc.

Karyn Freer Crouthamel '98 and her husband Matthew announce the birth of their second child, Lovina, on Jan. 15, 2009.

Lauren L. Oecker '98 was appointed senior director of marketing for the U.S. Professional Beach Volleyball League in December 2008.

Kimberly G. Gibson '98 and **Jason B. Brock '02** were married Aug. 2, 2008.

Scott Mickle '98 is the director of business development for LandDesign, an urban planning, civil engineering, landscape architecture and branding company.

Jackson L. Norvell '98 is the assistant principal at Cape Fear Middle School in Pender County. His wife, **Christina Peck Norvell '99** is the owner of the Sterling House in Wilmington.

Megan Parpart '98 and Durward B. Williams were married Sept. 27, 2008. They reside in Chapel Hill with their daughter, Logan Virginia, who was born Oct. 29, 2009. (photo)

Bob Wheatley '98 is a financial advisor with MassMutual Financial Group/ Capital Financial Partners.

Amanda Hodges Bunce '99 and her husband Daniel announce the birth of their son, Christian Andrew, on July 7, 2008.

Elizabeth Harkcom '99 received her National Board Certification for teaching in November 2008.

Anna Prizzia '99 is the director of the University of Florida Office of Sustainability.

2000s

Jennifer Check '00 completed her pediatric residency at UNC Chapel Hill and is now a neonatal-perinatal fellow at Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill.

Alannah M. Franklin '00 passed away on Dec. 23, 2006.

Laurie B. Hayes '00 and **Jennifer L. Pena '05** are co-authors of *Wilkes County: A Brief History*, published by the History Press, Charleston 2008. Both work at Wilkes Community College.

Sean Lowery '00 received the President's Club Award 2008 for Jazz Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Jeff Omps '00 attained his pilot's license in 2008 and flies out of Livermore Airport in California. He is employed by Harland Financial Solutions and works in software. (photo)

Jason M. Tyson '00, '02 received a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Wake Forest University on May 18, 2009.

Phyllis Westerman '00 is vice president of business operations with Grubb & Ellis/Thomas Linderman Graham, a provider of integrated real estate services in the Triangle area.

Richard White '00 is the assistant director of the TV series *Desperate Housewives*.

Melissa B. Andrus '01 and **Michael C. Kennedy '00** were married May 2, 2009. (photo)

A story by **Anne Barnhill '01M**, was selected by editor and publisher Shannon Ravenel as the first runner-up for the 2009 Thomas Wolfe Fiction Prize from the N.C. Writers Network.

Delaine Fowler '01 is the owner of Fowler Physical Therapy in Salisbury, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Salisbury and a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. She was elected to the Spencer Board of Aldermen in November.

Jennifer Brynn Hulbert '01 graduated in 2009 from UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Rebecca Hersey Keenan '01 and her husband Michael announce the birth of a son, Liam, on Feb. 24, 2009. Rebecca is an underwriter with N.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.

Adam Murray '01 received the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award from the UNCW Watson School of Education.

Laura M. Southerland '01 won an Emmy Award for outstanding technical team remote with ESPN NASCAR's coverage by the National Academy of Televisions Arts & Sciences. She is the senior operations coordinator with ESPN Productions Inc. in Bristol, Conn.

Jenna Stallman '01 is the Angleton Christian School administrator in Angleton, Texas.

Jeffrey B. Whiting '01M is a professor of naval science and commanding officer for NROTC unit at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Robert T. Wratten '01 and his wife Cameron announce the birth of their son, Owen Thomas, on May 24, 2008. Robert is employed by Pacific Life as a senior associate director for commercial real estate investment in the Midwest, Southeast and East Coast regions.

Kristin Garner '02 and Scott Callison were married June 14, 2009.

Joseph W. '02 and **Mary Wilkinson Casper '00** announce the birth of their son, Joseph Wilkes, on March 7, 2009. Mary is a commercial portfolio manager with SunTrust Bank.

Erin R. DeLeo '02 and Chad E. Hogston were married March 20, 2009.

Daniel Faill '02 and his wife Brook announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Louise, on Aug. 24, 2009. Daniel and Riley are pictured with grandmother **Kim Leiner Sees '89**. The rocking chair on which they are sitting was built by Riley's great-grandfather **Lou Leiner '02**. (photo)

Valeria Feezor '02 is the assistant principal at North Davidson High School. She earned a Master of Education degree from UNC Greensboro and is pursuing a master's degree in school administration at Gardner-Webb University.

Robert S. Futch '02 is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in liberal studies at UNCW. He is the director of Freshman Academy and assistant athletic director at Wallace-Ross Hill High School. He was selected as a 21st Century Technology teacher in Duplin County for 2009-10.

Stephanie Brooks Hawver '02 and her husband Jason announce the birth of their daughter, Phoebe Dawn, on Feb. 12, 2009.

Kendall L. Lawn '02 is a communication specialist for Wachovia's Corporate Communications Department in Charlotte. Kendall is a member of Young Affiliates of the Mint Museum, the Charlotte Coalition of Social Justice and Habitat Young Professionals of Charlotte.

Kimberly Majeski '02 and Jason Wehmeyer were married Nov. 8, 2008. They reside in Lake Ridge, Va. Kim is a business development manager with MicroStrategy, a computer software company.

Shaun Olsen '02 was featured in the May 1-14, 2009, edition of the *Greater Wilmington Business Journal* for his company Opterex that was the technology winner of the Coastal Entrepreneur Awards.

Susan Pantas '02 was awarded the Wilmington Arts Association scholarship and debuted her paintings at ArtSource Fine Art in Raleigh. (photo)

Brandy Ward '02 received a master's degree in medical laboratory science from Quinnipiac University. She researches and develops monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of infectious diseases.

Rachel L. Urban '02 is the regional community coordinator for the American Cancer Society in Wilmington.

Mat Allred '03 is the coordinator of recreation services for High Point University.

Benjamin J. Andrews '04, '05M and Kimberly M. Russ were married May 16, 2009.

Lewis A. Armstrong '03 and Cynthia S. Croft were married April 25, 2009.

Paul Carbonell '03 is professor of speech and theatre arts at Polk State College, where he is establishing a new theatre club that combines talent of music and theatre students. He has directed plays for six years and has more than 20 years experience as a stage, television and film actor.

Timothy J. Hellman '03 and Natalie K. Boetger were married July 5, 2008.

Tiffany Lindemann '03 earned a Master of Business Administration degree at Wingate University.

Natasha Malinsky '03 created her own shopping tour company, ShopNYC Tours, in New York City after working at Screen Gems Studios giving tours of *Dawson's Creek*. She is active in the Wilmington theatre community, was on Drew Barymore's series *Tough Love* and performs regularly on stage in New York.

Lisa O. Oliver '03 and Joseph E. Teylor were married May 2, 2009.

ALUM**NOTES**

Dan Owen '03 received the Pacesetter 40 award at Northwestern Mutual's annual meeting of financial representatives. The award honors financial representatives who demonstrate extraordinary success by selling a minimum of 40 life policies during their first six months of business. (photo)

Margaret Torre Plummer '03 died unexpectedly June 25, 2009, from a rock climbing incident in Las Vegas. Margaret was known for being a non-conventional and adventurous world traveler who enjoyed spending time with her 2-year-old son.

Sean Rae '03 died unexpectedly in a diving incident in La Jolla, Calif. He was attending graduate school at San Diego State University.

Daniel Richardson '03 was named the Brunswick County's Teacher of the Year in April 2009.

Lyndsay E. Rowland '03 is an associate with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co. L.P.A. in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Leslie Shevlin '03 is the head coach of the Willamette University Bearcat men's and women's swimming teams in Willamette, Ore.

Benjamin J. Andrews '04, '05M and Kimberly M. Russ were married May 16, 2009.

Rachel Austin '04 and James J. Dargan were married April 19, 2009.

Leah Brubak Benolken '04 and her husband Joel announce the birth of their daughter, Isabel Hope, on July 8, 2008.

Rebecka Brasso '04 is pursuing a Ph.D. in marine biology.

Lauren Wesbroke Davis '04, '09M earned an M.B.A. from Meredith College.

Ryan M. Hohman '04 is the director of communications and policy for Friends of Cancer Research. Ryan received a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

Amanda Partida James '04 and her husband Tony announce the birth of twins, Coral Grace and Kennedy Gray, on July 19, 2009.

Courtney L. O'Dell '04 and Richard J. Keskinen were married April 25, 2009.

Kristen Mueller '04 and John Orr were married June 13, 2009.

Candace Reel '04 is the 2009-10 Cabarrus County Schools Teacher of the Year and received $1,000 from SunTrust and a new laptop from the school system. Candace is an exceptional children teacher at Cox Mill Elementary school and will advance to the regional competition to compete for North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

Sara M. Cowling '04 and Clint Shoemaker were married May 9, 2009. Sara is a licensed clinical social worker at the Beaufort County Medical Center.

Chapin L. Swarthout '04 and Nicholas Brinegar were married March 28, 2009 and reside in Wilmington.

James Bengala '05 was promoted to director of sales and operations with RockyMountainVacationRentals.com in Vail, Colo.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. **Travis C. Beyer '05** is deployed with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (reinforced) at Camp Lejeune, assigned as the ground combat element of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Afghanistan. Their mission is to conduct counterinsurgency operations with an emphasis on training and mentoring Afghan national police.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. **David W. Fickle '05** was designated a naval aviator while serving with Training Air Wing One, Meridian, Miss. He received the "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training.

Morgan Fore '05 is the wrestling coach at Lake Norman High School. He is a silver certified wresting coach through USA Wrestling.

Christina Tracey Hadding '05 and her husband William announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Marie, on March 9, 2009. They reside in Abingdon, Md.

Margaret F. Lineberger '05M and Jason W. Rollison were married April 25, 2009.

Bevin Prince '05 stars on the CW's *One Tree Hill* as the ditzy cheerleader, Bevin Mirskey.

Sam Romano '05 and his brother **Joe Romano '02, '07M** are partners in the Seaview Crab Company in Wilmington. They were featured in the Sept. 11, 2009, edition of the *Wilmington Star-News*.

William C. Stricker '05 earned a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in global management on May 16, 2009, from Babson College.

Blake Adams '06, a New York-based actor, plays the role of the Ocean City, Md., mascot Rodney the Lifeguard in an advertising campaign. He also has appeared in a national Red Lobster commercial, as Susan Lucci's massage therapist on *All My Children* and in a billboard campaign in New York City to promote the Showtime series *The Tudors*.

Brandon L. Boswell '06M published a Christian humor book, *My Personal Journey on the Road of Life*. This book along with his first book, *Raising Prayers, Not Hell: Life through the Eyes of a Christian Teenager,* were added to the North Carolina Collection and are permanently located in the Louis Round Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Jody B. Bowman '06 is a Spanish instructor in the Department of Modern Foreign Language at High Point University.

Kevina Kay Casaletto '06 was accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Belize Aug. 21 for pre-service training as a teacher volunteer.

Tiffany L. Edgell '06 announces the birth of Gabriel Lynn Edgell on July 11, 2009. Tiffany is a merchandising operations specialist for Motricity Inc.

Betsy Huffine '06 is the scheduler for U.S. Rep. Howard Coble.

Samantha J. Lesch '06 and William Garrison Rudisill Jr. were married April 11, 2009.

Kasi S. Lynch '06 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in community agency counseling at NC State University. Her thesis is focusing on the effectiveness of a relational aggression intervention.

Katherine Miller '06 and AJ Mealor were married June 27, 2009. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary on May 16, 2009, and is pursuing ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Sheirra Chestnut Meares '06 and her husband Franklin announce the birth of a daughter, Farrah Ahloni Kyannah, on March 15, 2008. Sheirra is an early childhood teacher at Whiteville High School.

Kevin Norman '06 is the assistant coach for the Sawanee men's and women's swimming teams. He earned a Master of Science degree in exercise science and human performance in 2009 from Southern Connecticut State University.

Nicole Parrett '06 and Jesse Johnson were married April 4, 2009.

Brian Pate '06 worked in the White House for George W. Bush and currently works for Barack Obama.

Ken Thompson '06 competed in the Bravo series *Make Me a Supermodel*. He is the lead singer with the rock band Unity in Nashville, Tenn.

Matthew D. Glova '07 was honored at UNCW's E.L. White Society reception on Nov. 20, 2008.

Sarah Hatter '07 completed her two-year commitment to Teach for America in June 2009.

Lt. Matthew Mason '07 is serving with other Seahawks in Mahmudiyah, Iraq. They include students **Sgt. Thomas Tharrington II '11, Sgt. Mark Mazzone '10, Spc. Andrew Everette '09** and **Capt. Chris Padgett '93** who is with UNCW Police. They were photographed Oct. 19 with a UNCW banner on a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. (photo)

Michael Marbry '07 plays baseball with the Asheville Tourists in the Class A South Atlantic League.

Suesan Sullivan '07 is the new executive director of the YWCA Lower Cape Fear.

Jon Thompson '07 is the director of radio and television for the National Republican Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C., where he assists with media training. He also worked for the Republican National Committee, the McCain and Palin campaign and presidential debates and GOP convention in Minnesota.

Jeremy Tomlinson '07 is rebuilding his stonemasonry business after an 18-month deployment to Iraq in 2004.

Justin Williams '07 returned home in June after more than two years as a community development Peace Corps volunteer in Forestiere, Saint Lucia.

Matthew Wisthoff '07 earned first place in the 11th annual Bandit's Challenge Triathlon. He beat last year's winning time by two minutes and his own 2008 time by six minutes.

Ameet Doshi '08M passed the LEED Accredited Professional exam in March 2009. Ameet is a librarian at Georgia Perimeter College.

Elda Perez Garcia '08M is a manager with Brunnen Internacional, SA de C.V.

Brittany Main '08 joined the Wilmington Police Department after completing 18 weeks of basic law enforcement training.

Jack Mans '08 was promoted to a staff level II accountant at WithumSmith+Brown in Red Bank, N.J.

Julie McIntyre Poindexter '08 is a sales associate with Prudential Carolinas Realty.

Caroline Roberts '08 was the assistant to Academy Award winning director Rob Marshall on the movie *Nine* which stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Penelope Cruz, Nicole Kidman, Judi Dench, Kate Hudson and Sophia Loren. It premiered Dec. 25, 2009. www.apple.com/trailers/weinstein/nine

Sarah Rushing '08 is one of 215 members of AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps who completed 10 months of full-time service to communities in need.

Mona K. Vance '08 is the 2009 recipient of Glover Moore Prize through the Mississippi Historical Society, which is awarded annually to the author of the best master's thesis on a topic in Mississippi history completed during the previous year.

Kaitlin Helms '09 is the staff assistant for N.C. Rep. Mike McIntyre.

Danielle E. McConnell '09 was appointed by the Education Office of Embassy of Spain to a teaching assistantship in a Spanish school for the 2009-10 academic year beginning Oct. 1.

Jamie Costin Mathews '09 and her husband John announce the birth of their son, Lucas, on May 28, 2008. Lucas has two siblings, Tyler and Cameron. Jamie is an administrative specialist at GE-Hitachi in Wilmington.

Pamela Lawrence '09 along with **Heather Sangtinette '09** and **Richard Munday '08** are enrolled in the Elon University School of Law.

Friends

Wes Berlin died June 4, 2009. He was a member of the Cameron School of Business marketing department faculty and also served as an Executive in Residence and Cameron Executive Network mentor.

Ruby Knox died Aug. 11, 2009, at the age of 96. She was one of the original business faculty members at Wilmington College during the 1960s, teaching introductory accounting and communications in the Department of Business and Economics. She retired in the late 1970s. She was able to witness her great-grandchild, Derek Poole, graduate in May as one of the top students in the Cameron School of Business.

Master and commander: a creative writer at sea

by Philip Gerard

The topsail schooner *Pride of Baltimore II* is horsing along at eight and a half knots – just under 10 miles per hour. On a cloud-dark, rain-splattered night, 80 miles out in the Atlantic, we seem to be flying. At precisely 8 p.m., I take the big wheel to steer for the next four hours. The three crew of A-watch and the rest of my mates on B-watch lay aloft to furl the lightweight stunsails and skyscraping topgallants as the wind rises toward gale-strength. The stars disappear, leaving me to steer by the glowing compass card.

It's crucial to keep a steady course, to keep the boat from slewing or rolling too hard, while all those people are in the rigging almost a hundred feet above the deck, working by feel alone, lest they be tossed into thin air.

Forward of the wheel, Capt. **Jamie Trost '96** climbs out of the main cabin from time to time, backlighted by the weak red glow of the nav-station lights below, where he's been working out the rhumbline into Jacksonville, Fla.

"What's your course?" he asks in a calm voice.

"Two-thirty."

"Make it two-fifty."

"Two-fifty, aye," says I, and turn the wheel slowly until the lubber line on the compass card lines up with the new course.

We're having a reunion, Jamie and I. At 33, tall, sunburned and fit, he's a veteran sea captain who has sailed the world's oceans and inland seas aboard a variety of traditional vessels. More than a dozen years ago, when he studied creative writing at UNCW, Jamie sailed as my crackerjack foredeck crew on the sloop *Savoir-Faire*, racing off Myrtle Beach. He did all the hard work – handling the spinnaker, changing out jibs. He was, even then, a man of both action and reflection.

Philip Gerard and Jamie Trost

After graduation in December 1996, he served on two Great Lakes schooners before joining the *Amistad*, a replica slave trader made famous by the movie of the same name, as chief mate and education director. Soon he advanced to captain of the Chesapeake Bay schooner *Sultana*.

"It was the best first command I ever could have had," he recalled. "She's small and manageable, very traditional, the rig, the construction, everything." But after a few seasons, he yearned for a bigger vessel, a bigger challenge. So he took a demotion from captain to third mate on the tall ship *Niagara*, based in his boyhood hometown of Erie, Pa.

"I had gone from captain of a 50-ton schooner with a crew of seven to fourth in command on a 315-ton brig where my division alone was bigger than my whole crew had once been. I imagine it in a writing sense, going from being an editor at a small-town paper to being a reporter at the *New York Times*. You're stepping up in scale in a huge way."

The theme of our reunion has been leadership – what it is, how it is manifest in various professions, why good leadership is a necessity out here in the ocean. My former student and crew member is now the one giving the orders to a crew of 11, and I have absolute confidence in his judgment and ability.

"We are constantly in a hostile environment," he said. "There is no love for boats or people in the middle of the ocean. The ocean doesn't care. Conrad writes very extensively about that, and he has a great line I only remember in paraphrase about how ships, like people, like to have their faults ignored and their qualities lauded, when in reality it's the other way around."

After each voyage, and after specific maneuvers, Jamie gathers the crew amidships for a debriefing. "I think that process I was exposed to in creative writing is key to that: What worked and what didn't work? That whole process of deconstructing the details of something that happened and then tinkering with, 'This could have been better about it, and this is why.'"

When a mate's berth opened in *Pride II* for her European tour in 2005, he jumped at the chance. The 185-ton, 157-foot-long schooner is a replica of the Baltimore clippers that fought as American privateers during the War of 1812. On Sept. 5, a hundred miles off the coast of France, a fitting failed, the bowsprit cracked in half, and since the rigging load is connected fore and aft, the foremast and mainmasts both came crashing down on deck. Jamie was nearly crushed by the falling foremast but rolled into a lucky niche along the bulwarks with another mate, and the two were trapped together under tons of falling sail.

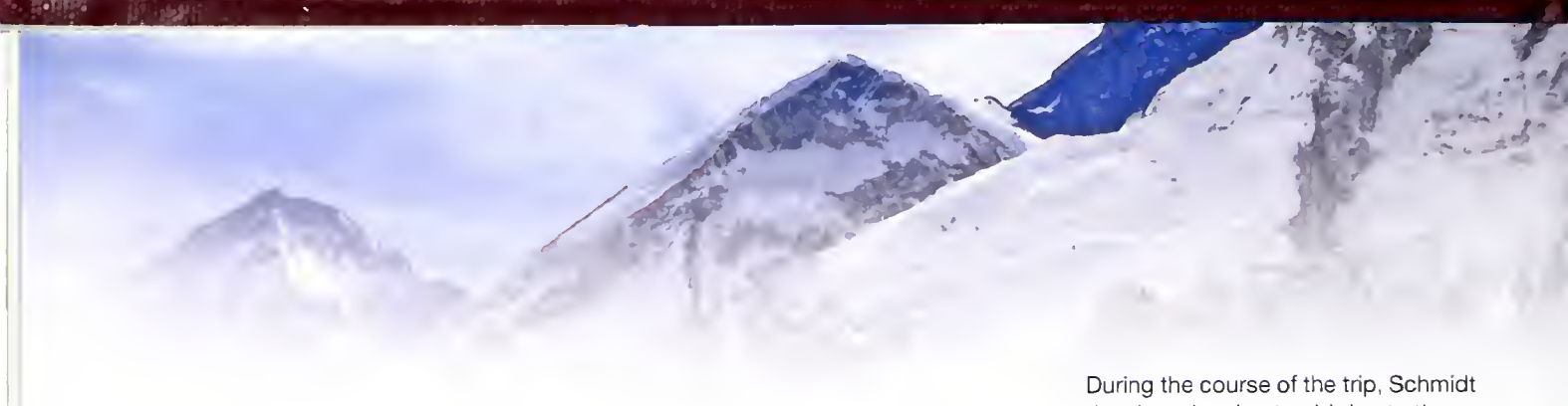
"It's not what you want to have happen at all – a tradewind passage home across the Atlantic would have been great – but in terms of learning how to deal with a full-on crisis, it was invaluable." Jamie took charge of one of two work parties. He had himself lowered into the water and worked in the failing light of dusk to wrap a line around the bowsprit so it wouldn't punch a hole in the ship.

"When I saw the situation – and this goes back to the idea of leadership, and if you really break it down, you are leading the way – I said, there's no way I'm sending anybody else to do this."

It was a remarkable achievement. In just a few hours of remaining daylight, the crew cleared the debris, and the ship was on course under power for Saint-Nazaire. Jamie spent six months in France overseeing the refit and later was offered a captaincy. "I learned to speak French, but I spoke it like a 10-year-old kid who had been raised in a shipyard."

By contrast, our voyage from Wilmington to Jacksonville was a sleigh ride. When I left *Pride II* at the wharf on the St. Johns River, Jamie waved from his perch high in the crosstrees of the foremast, exactly where he belonged.

Philip Gerard chairs the Department of Creative Writing.



What happens when a Seahawk decides to trek the Himalayas with three Tar Heels?

WELL, A RIVALRY, OF COURSE

by J.J. Knight '10

In May, **Charlie Schmidt '05** went on a two-week trek to the summit of Kala Patthar in the Nepali Himalayas with three of his best friends, UNC alumni Aaron Houghton, Scott Dillard and Erik Severinghaus.

Outside the tea house they were using for lodging, the three UNC alumni decided to pay homage to their alma mater by using rocks to spell out its initials. Schmidt decided to add his own tribute with a "W" at the end.

After the memorial was no longer a photo opportunity, it became a chance for competition. The "W" kept disappearing and reappearing during the night and next morning. As the group set off for higher elevations, last chance efforts were made in the name of school spirit. "I'm still not sure how we left it," Schmidt said. "I don't know if the 'W' made it or not."

Schmidt had been bitten by the travel bug prior to this adventure, journeying with friends in college and visiting nine countries outside of the U.S. So when the idea of trekking through the Himalayas to see Mt. Everest was proposed, he immediately was on board.

"I felt that it would be an amazing opportunity," Schmidt said. "It's hard to describe the full magnitude of standing in person and looking at Mt. Everest. It is not just another mountain, but *the* mountain, the tallest in the world, the one that everyone since grade school has studied and read about in all their geography books."

Schmidt's passion for other cultures and new experiences is what propelled him to go on the trip, but it was his friends that made it an adventure of a lifetime. "Looking back," Schmidt said, "if I had gone alone, I know I would have been miserable."

During the course of the trip, Schmidt developed a chest cold due to the extreme temperature changes and the difference in air quality. He occasionally had to remind himself to take pleasure in his surroundings and the experiences.

"Despite everything," Schmidt said, "the lack of air pressure, colds, coughs, inadequate accommodations, lack of plumbing, with my three best friends there laughing, joking and going through it with me, it made it one of the greatest experiences of my life."

Now back in the States, Schmidt and his friends have returned to their jobs and their separate corners of North Carolina. During the current economic climate, financial worries can overcast the importance of relationships and the power of friendship.

"So many times we get stuck in the rut of getting up, going to work and coming home. Those days go by all just blended together with virtually no memories. Now, while everyone has to work to sustain a comfortable life, I have been making better efforts to utilize my spare time for memorable activities," Schmidt said. "I learned that with three of my best friends, I can go through anything, do anything."

success takes many paths

by Kate Heaton '09

Chadwick "Chad" Tyner '98 has proven one can be successful in a harsh economy.

This native North Carolinian is co-founder of Skypanels, a non-profit organization that produces decorative florescent light diffusers, and *University Link*, a 100-page subscription magazine that launched in April. Chad also is working with **Tony McNeill '97** on a product called The Desk Mate, a pen and book holder that attaches to elementary school desks.

After leaving UNC Wilmington with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, Chad journeyed to London for a year and then moved to New York City where he acted in television commercials for Coors Light and Mazda, among many others.

"I see acting as I do surfing. I enjoy doing both whether I can get paid or not. Most places that you live you can do some form of acting," said Chad.

In 2001, after battling the cold climate of New York, Chad moved to Los Angeles, where he decided to switch career paths. "With acting, you have a lot of down time and having a business is something you can do on your own," he said.

Skypanels can be seen at several Wilmington-area establishments including Blair Middle School, Sahara Pita Pit restaurant and even UNCW. These fluorescent light diffusers are available in an array of cloud designs that help create a more relaxed, soothing atmosphere and are currently being researched for medical benefits.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Skypanels is donated to charities like Make-A-Wish Foundation and cancer research.

With headliners like Jimmy Fallon, Kendra Wilkinson and Jack Black on the cover of *University Link*, Chad's magazine is sure to catch the attention of many college students. He plans to expand the magazine into 10 major college markets, including the Raleigh/Durham and Wilmington areas, by 2011. In each market, the magazine will use local college students as writers to reach the demographic audience and provide them with beneficial work experience.

"It simultaneously creates unique opportunities for the next generation of great writers and journalists, while providing its college-age audience with the most compelling, entertaining, informative and thoughtful stories available in any medium," Chad said.

Chad believes his psychology degree has been a great asset to his business successes.

"Everyone has different perspectives in business, and the faster you can understand someone's perspective the better you are at negotiating and resolving any conflict," Chad said. "That goes a long way into creating products and creating business relationships."

Chad and his wife **Niki Bryan Tyner '99** live in Pasadena, Calif., with their son, Tristan. Niki, who earned a bachelor's degree in education, is general manager for Archstone-Smith, a rental property company.

Video clips from Chad's nationwide television commercials are available online at: **youtube.com/watch?v=XARBPdOZA0c&feature=channel and youtube.com/watch?v=POiA8BJ9Psc&feature=channel_page.**

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Calendar
University & Alumni

January

1	New Year's Day • UNCW Offices Closed
6	Classes Begin
7	North Carolina Symphony
9	Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* • *Der Rosenkavalier* by Richard Strauss
16	Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* • *Carmen* by Georges Bizet
17	Wilmington Concert Association • Band of the Irish Guards
19	Martin Luther King Holiday • UNCW Offices Closed
20	Wilmington College Chapter Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
23-31	UNCW Homecoming 2010

February

2	Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* • *Simon Boccanegra* by Giuseppe Verdi
3	Wilmington Concert Association • Teatro Lirico d'Europa: *La Traviata*
6	Wilmington Symphony
13	North Carolina Symphony
15	Leadership Lecture Series • Jonathan Kozol
17	Wilmington College Chapter Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
18	Arts in Action • Punch Brothers
23	Chopin200 • Norman Bemelmans, piano
25	North Carolina Wind Symphony
27	Crew Club Reunion

March

6-14	UNCW Spring Break
13	Wilmington Symphony
17	Wilmington College Chapter Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
19	Selected Shorts • Celebration of the Short Story
20	UNCW Opera
22	Leadership Lecture Series • Gary Hirshberg
23	Cameron School of Business Alumni & Retired Faculty Mixer
24	Cameron School of Business Alumni Speaker Breakfast
26	Arts in Action • Chris Potter's Underground
26	Communication Studies Day
30	Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* • *Hamlet* by Ambroise Thomas

April

10	Good Friday • UNCW Offices Closed
11	Chamber Music Wilmington • Kronos Quartet
21	Wilmington College Chapter Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
22	Wilmington Concert Association • Haochen Zhang, piano
24-25	Wilmington Symphony
26	Last Day of Classes
27	UNCW Wind Symphony

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FRIDAY, JAN. 29

7 p.m.	Alumni Association Awards Program Honoring:
	Lee Michael Grant '00 Young Alumnus
	Bill Saffo '83, Distinguished Alumnus
	Walter Pancoe, Distinguished Citizen
7 p.m.	13th Annual Port City Step Show

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

9:30 a.m.	Cameron School of Business Alumni Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	School of Nursing Alumni Breakfast
10:30 a.m.	Communication Studies Alumni Brunch
11 a.m.	African American Graduate Association Luncheon
11:30 a.m.	Housing & Residence Life Reunion
Noon	UNCW Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
1 p.m.	Watson School of Education Alumni Reception
2 p.m.	Swimming & Diving vs. ECU
2:30 p.m.	Psychology Department Alumni Reception
2:30 p.m.	Transition Programs Reunion - Orientation Leaders & Seahawk Links
4 p.m.	Homecoming parade
4 p.m.	Pre-Game TEALgate party
6 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Towson
8:30 p.m.	All Alumni Celebration

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